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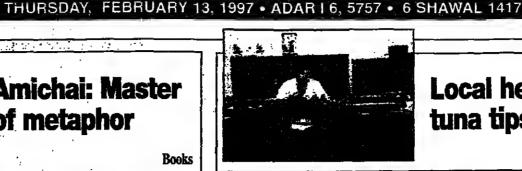
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Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein (left) shares a toast with (left to right) Justice Minister Tzahi Henegbi, State Atturney Edna Arbel, and former attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair, upon assuming his new post yesterday.

Rubinstein assumes A-G post

ney-general yesterday, saying he was accepting Arbel said she was sure Rubinstein would his new responsibilities with "fear and love." "rebuild the fallen Tabernacle of David," and ity that he would make a serious mistake, while

the love was for the courts and for the post. The new attorney-general was warmly wel-comed with a festive reception at the Justice Ministry in Jerusalem, auended by Justice hoped he could inject substance into the coun-Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, former attorney-gen-eral Michael Ben-Yair, State Attorney Edna He quoted from both Jewish sources and the Arbel, ministry Director-General Nili Arad and

The fear, he said, stemmed from the possibil- would restore the prestige of the State Attorney's Office and the office of the attorney-general.

Rubinstein, in his address to the gathering, called on the country to find "the golden mean" that could unite its diverse sectors, adding he

oot be present, quipping, "My father would have enjoyed hearing all the praise, and my mother would have believed it."

Attorney Roni Bar-On, who was attorneygeneral for two days last month before resigning after the public outcry that greeted his appointment, offered his best wishes to Rubinstein in an interview on Army Radio.

"I am sure be will fulfill his tasks intelligently, He quoted from both Jewish sources and the to the benefit of the whole judicial system, which Koran on the importance of the judicial system. is dear to me and to us all," he said.

Netanyahu: We must keep edge

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will not protest the possible sale of 100 F-16 fighter planes to Saudi Arabia when he meets with President Bill Clinton at the

White House today. However, he will seek reassurances that Israel's qualitative edge will be preserved, Israeli officials said here yesterday.

The two leaders will also discuss data, uncovered by Israel and recently relayed to the US. dealing with Russian cooperation in Iran's efforts to build a longerrange Scud-type missile.

But the primary focus of their talks is expected to be the Palestinian and Syrian tracks in the peace process

A senior US official said the administration is "certainly interested in hearing [Netanyahu's] thoughts, to the extent he's willing to share them, [on] where he wants to take the process."

"It's very important. It's a chance to review the thinking on the next steps, both in regard to implementing the Palestinian track and renewing the Syrian track," he said.

Speaking in Amsterdam en Netanyahu said it was up to Syria to decide if it wants to pursue

"Syria has to make a decision. Does it want peace. If it wants peace it can come to the peace table very quickly. If it doesn't want peace it will find ways to obstruct the resumption of the

talks," he told reporters at

Amsterdam airport. Netanyahu held brief talks in Amsterdam with Dutch Prime Minister Wim Kok and said he would return to the Netherlands on April 10 for more extensive

Netanyahu's visit Washington kicks off a monthlong period during which some of the region's key players are arriving, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat is due here later in the month and Jordan's King Hussein and Egypt's Hosni Mubarak are due here next month.

Taken together, the US official said, the four meetings are important because "they come following a very intense period - the Hebron understanding that launched a new chapter of the peace process following a problematic period. This is how we build on Hebron to see where the peace process goes."

Netanyahu's visit opens at the Blair House official guest residence with his first meeting with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright He is then scheduled to meet

with the chairman and ranking Democrat on the House International Relations n Gilmao and Lee Hamilton, and afterward with Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms.

Later in the day Netanyahu is to meet with Vice President Al Gore. Then he goes 10 the Pentagon for a meeting with Defense Secretary William

Meanwhile, members of Congress have this week attacked Mubarak and Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa for what they contend is Cairo's lack of helpfulness in advancing peace in

At a hearing yesterday, Albright was twice told by members of the House foreign operations subcommittee that Egypt is playing a negative role.

Sidney Yates of Illinois, the ranking minority member of the panel, said he is "a little disappointed" with how Egypt has conducted itself in the peace process and in general since Netanyahu came to power.

Albright responded by stating that the US method of conveying its views to Cairo is to "spend time" reminding Egypt of its trailblazing role in Middle East peacemaking, "and I think the message then becomes clear as to what we think at the moment."

On Tuesday, during another hearing with Albright, House International Comminee member Tom I arios issued a veiled threat to Cairo that its foreign aid package could be endangered.

Egyptian friends to understand that when we deal with foreign aid appropriations, we will reward those like Jordan who effectively support peace in the region, and we will be less generous vis-a-vis those who, by their actions, have been less than helpful," Lantos said.

in upcoming tour PA ploys in capital

Bono

ence on hundreds of young bands,

whose members admired their

At one point in the late 1980s,

following the staggering critical

and commercial success of The

Joshua Tree, U2 was being called

the '80s equivalent of The Beatles.'

Following the mixed response to the sprawling Rattle and Hum film

and record project, the band delib-

erately turned from self-righteous

to ironic. Flashy costumes, exper-

iments with electronics and dance

tracks, and tongue-in-cheek stage

personas dominated their 1990s

albums and tours. However, the

inspirational tone of their music

remained.

uncompromising attitudes.

By HELEN KAYE and DAVID BRINN

U2, the rock and roll champions of human rights and political correctness and one of the world's biggest attractions, will be making its first visit to Israel on September 29.

U2's sole concert at Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Park is part of the "Popmart" tour to promote its upcoming album Pop, due to be released on March 3. The 62-city lour of the US, Canada and Europe is to begin in Las Vegas on

Speaking live on satellite TV from New York, U2 guitarist The Edge said, "We're a multiple outlet outfit. I think we have something for everybody."

The show's 18 numbers will inclode old and new songs, including those from Pop, the group's eleventh album. "Discotheque," the recently released single from the album, is already No. 1 on UK charts. U2 has sold 70 million records worldwide since 1980.

The group is bringing 200 people and 12,000 ions of equipment, including a four-meter-wide illuminated stuffed olive and the world's largest TV screen, measuring 50 by 17 meters.

Long-ramored to have avoided Israel due to perceived human-rights abuses, the Irish band has gone the way of fellow card-carrying liberals Peter Gabriel and Sting in giving Israel the post-Oslo seal of approval. The quartet consisting of the charismatic Bono, inventive guitarist

drummer Larry Mullen, has been together since the late 1970s. Together with R.E.M., they were one of the most successful bands to emerge from the ashes of the punk revolution. And just as importantly, they were an influ-

The Edge, bassist Adam Clayton and



U2 includes Israel Report: PM ignores

By LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Despite Binyamin Netanyahu's claim that he is demanding the closure of Palestinian Aothority operations and institutions in east Jerusalem in accordance with the Oslo Accords, he has instructed members of his staff to play down a list of 20 such violations, according to a report on Israel Radio's English-

language news yesterday.

A list of the violations drawn up by the police and security estab-lishment was presented to the Prime Minister's Office at the beginning of the week. It was published in *Ha'aretz* and broadcast on the radio station yesterday.

(See box.)
Although the Prime Minister's Office has released material on PA violations in the past - including a review after the Hebron deal was signed on the PLO's failure to amend its covenant - when pre-sented with this list, the prime minister reportedly asked that it not be published.

According to the radin report, quoting unnamed sources, the reason is that the premier is not sure he will he able to fight all the activities and several cases might not stand up in the High Court of Justice.

Opposition to Netanyahn's stand on Jerusalem has been mounting among MKs from the coalition parties, reaching a new

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Begin (Likud), who resigned from the cabinet over the Hebron agreement, filed an urgent parliamen-tary motion entitled: "Netanyahu is dividing Jerusalem." In his explanation to the motion. which will probably be heard next week, Begin said: "Before the

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Palestinian Authority offices that are operating in Jerusalem in violation of the Oslo Accords

· Palestinian Ministry of Religious Affairs, operating at the entrance to the Temple Mount.

Office of the Mufti of Jerusalem and the Holy

Land, appointed by the PA · The activities of the Palestinian security forces

 Orient House Palestinian Education Ministry

Palesunian Youth and Sport Ministry

Palestinian Mapping and Geography Ministry.
 The office of PA council member of Hatam Abdel

· The Palestinian Housing Council; - The Jerusalem Committee of the elected Palestinian Council which reportedly arranges anti-

Israel demonstrations on Jerusalem-related issues. - The Palestinian Small Business project, reportedly operating within the framework of the

Palestinian Ministry of Supplies. The National Islamic Committee to Confront the Settlements

The Palestinian Institute for the Wounded

- The Palestinian Energy Center

WAFA, Palestinian news agency
Al-Quds University, said to follow PA dictates

In addition, the PA is said to have been involved in: An attempted takeover of Mokassed Hospital

 Intervention at Augusta Victoria Hospital Attempts to take control of the Supreme Islamic

Council at the entrance to the Temple Mount The PA has also appointed a Jerusalem District

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NEWS

in brief

Soldier dies of injuries from traffic accident

Lt. Einat Rahman, of Petah Tikva, died early yesterday morning at Beersheba's Soroka Hospital of wounds sustained in a traffic accident near Yeroham on Tuesday. Sgr. Yifat Naor, of Tel Aviv, Cpl. Rinat Farhi, of Rishon Lezion, and another soldier died on

In Acre, two people were seriously injured in separate accidents. A 45-year-old pedestrian was struck in hit-and-run accident, while a 15-year-old backed his father's car into a friend.

Mother charged with murdering her newborn

Luna Tzioni, 32, of Hadera, was charged in Haifa District Court

yesterday with murdering her newhorn child.

According to the charge sheet, Tzioni threw the baby out the window of her parents' second-story apartment. Neighbors found the haby in the yard and took her to Hillel Yoffe Hospital, where she died.

Woman dies in fall from porch

A 76-year-old Rishon Lezion woman died yesterday morning after falling from a second-story porch while hanging laundry. The woman was brought to Assaf Harofeh Hospital in critical condition, and died in the afternoon. Police said the incident was apparently an accident.

Boy, 17, held for raping girl

A 17-year-nld boy was arrested yesterday nn suspicion of raping a friend who studies at a boarding school in Kfar Sava. The girl said the boy raped her twn days earlier when he came to visit her at her dormitnry. She said she asked him to leave, and escorted him outside. He then dragged her into a field and raped her, she said.

The boy had been thrown nut of the school after attacking the same girl. He will be brought before a Juvenile Court judge for a remand hearing today.

No compensation for driver of stolen car

The Tel Aviv District Court ruled yesterday that a man who was driving a stolen car when he crashed and suffered serious injuries is not eligible for the compensation given to traffic

Shaul Biton, of Herzliya, sued the Kranit company for com-pensation for the May 1989 accident, in which the car over-

Judge Nissim Yeshaya noted that the car bad been smlen a number of days earlier and the driver knew this. Biton is therefore not eligible for compensation, he said.

Hebron prepares to reopen retail market

By HERB KEINON

A retail market in front of Hehran's Avraham Avinu com- Life starts to return to normal," pound, closed since the 1994 being readied for reopening yesterday, as Palestinian and Israeli representatives unlacked and entered some of the shops there tn assess what repairs are need-

Under the Hehron redeplnyment agreement, this market, which used to be a whnlesale market, will be npened instead because of security considerations - as a retail market. One IDF nfficial said the reason for the change is obvinus: to keep large trucks from lnading and unloading at the site - something that would pose a security risk for the Jewish compound.

Settlement leaders bave fnugbt a long battle to get the market moved from the site, saying that it will bring thousands of Palestinians literally to the doorstep of the settlement's largest Jewish compound, posing a massive security problem.

The settlement has for months had a large sign above the market reading that the market is built on land stolen from the Jews after the 1929 massacre.

Palestinian merchants praised

the immicent opening of the market

This is a good achievement. vegetable seller Abdel Hadi Nasreddine told AP.

Meanwhile, the IDF yesterday demnlished five illegally built homes in the Hebron area. Civil administration spnkesman Peter Lerner said the homes were built within the last year without the proper licenses. The homes were huilt along the newly constructed bypass roads, which were built so that traffic would not go through developed Palestinian areas.

Lerner said the demnlitinns were part of an ongoing policy by the civil administration to prevent illegal building in Area C, the areas in the territories still under Israeli control.

The Cnuncil of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza claim that the Palestinians are bnilding bundreds of illegal units in Area C in an attempt in create facts on the ground before further redeployment talks begin. The goal hehind this illegal building, according to council officials, is tn create land links between the various Palestinian autonomnus areas, thereby setting the groundwork for a Palestinian

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Mordechai: No Lebanon pullout

By LIAT COLLINS

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told the Knesset plenum yesterday that there is "no alternative to IDF presence in the south Lebanon security zone."

He was answering a motion presented by Likud and coalition faction chairman Michael Eitan on a recent Newsweek report that South Lebanese Army soldiers are collaborating with Hizbullah.

He completely rejected a unilateral IDF withdrawal from Lebanon, saying the result would be terror attacks in northern Israel, like the attacks in Misgav Am, Avivim and Nahariya that took place before the security zone was established. Mordechai said the number of individual SLA soldiers helping Hizbullah bad dropped.

During the debate, Mordechai and Eitan exchanged sharp words about a possible

We cannot as citizens hear that the brilliant, large and sophisticated IDF says there's no other way. We have no other country, but there must be many other

ways," Eitan said.
"The IDF and security leadership is of course busy day and night in trying to find solutions," Mordechai said, "It does oot need incitement and insults to make it think seriously. We've sought every way.

There's not one leader with whom I haven't raised the subject of finding a solutinn for Lebanon. But as of today, the same solutions are not to be found. And what is necessary today is to strengthen the spirit of IDF soldiers, first and foremost from within this House and government."

Criticizing the timing of the public discussion by some MKs on a possible IDF pullout from Lebanon, Mordechai said: "It's

unacceptable that there are those whn make meeting to hear the views presented. cynical use of a tragic accident," referring

to last week's helicopter collision. They hear in Beirut what's being said here," Mordechai said, adding: "They don't just want to get us out of Lebanon but out of Jerusalem and it's better we fight them there

even if the price is heavy."

The minister said talk of a withdrawal hurt the serving soldiers, the bereaved families and northern residents. He also noted that the south Lebanese residents would pay a heavy price and turn against Israel if it were to pull back.

The so-called Kochav Yair circle led by MK Gideon Ezra (Likud), which is examining a new approach to the IDF presence in south Lebanon, met in the Knesset yester-

Eitan annunced he was not a member of the group and had only attended the first

Former members of the security establishment whn also attended the Saturday night meeting at Ezra's Kochav Yair home retired major-general Danny Rothschild, former General Security Service head Ya'acov Perry and former senior GSS staffer Yossi Ginossar - were also noticeably absent. Ginossar said earlier this week that they had been invited to that meeting only to give their professional apinions.

At the outset of yesterday's meeting Exra stressed that although the question of unilateral withdrawal from the security zone had been raised at Samrday night's meeting, this was not the aim of the group. He said the circle aimed at finding "imaginative new solutions" to the Lebanon problem, agreeing that a unilateral withdrawal would result in terrorists crossing the bor-

Lebanon complains about IAF raids

By DAVID RUDGE

The Lebanese government submitted a protest to the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group yesterday over the IAF strikes deep into Lebanon the previous day.

Syria also criticized the raids by

IAF warplanes and helicopter gunships against a Hizbullah-run radio station, the Voice of the Oppressed, and bases of Ahmed Jibril's PFLP-General Command

in the Bekaa Valley, and Nu'emeb, just south of Beirus.

Hizbullah's Manar television statinn reported that a shepherd wounded in the attack had died of his wounds, although there was no confirmation of this from any other source. At least three members of Jibril's group, including a senior commander, were also wounded.

The extremist Shi'ite organization said the raids were a clear violation of the understandings

reached at the end of Operation

Grapes of Wrath last April. Mohammed Yaghi, a seninr Hizbullah official in the Bekaa reginn, said the nrganization would increase its attacks. "The Israelis should know that we have the ability and that our struggle will continue until we kick them out of our land," Yaghi was quoted as saying in the Lebanese media.

Syria reacted bitterly to the attacks as well as to comments made by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu when he visited troops at an IDF position on the northern border.

Radin Damascus called on. Syrian army troops to he on full alert in case Israeli leaders were planning an "offensive adventure." State-run newspapers said Netanyahu had hardened his position on the eve of his visit to Washington, with the bombing and

shelling of civilians in Lebanon. Lebanese radio stations report- gumners returned fire.

ed extensive low-level flights by IAF warplanes over many parts of Lebanon yesterday. The only inci-dent on the ground, however, was a long-range: mortar attack on a South Lebanese Army position in the western sector of the security

zone yesterday morning.

There were no casualties or damage as a result of the attack, for which the Amal Shi'ite movement cleimed responsibility. IDF

Arafat lauds freed women

Hundreds of friends and family members mobbed freed Palestinian women prisoners as they arrived early yesterday morning in Ramaliah, where Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat greeted them.

"I'm proud to be on free Palestinian land!" shouted Abeer Wheidy, 27, as she climbed off a bus and was surrounded by ecstatic relatives who had been waiting since noon Tuesday for her release. Wheidy, convicted of commanding the Fatah cell that murdered Ofra resident Zvi Klein in 1991, had served 4 1/2 years of a life term.

Arafat called the releases a good

sign for peace with Israel. "No doubt this will help the relationship between the two peoples," he said. "It was difficult, but in the end they were released and that's what counts," said Col. Jibril Rajoub,

Earlier Tuesday, Palestinian women in traditional village cos-

Kirov Ballet to dance here

the Israel Festival last year.

The world-renowned Kirov Ballet, its top stars and orches-

tra will open the 1997 Israel Festival on May 28 with a glit-

tering production of 'Swan Lake' at Jerusalem's Sultan's

Pool, which is being reconstructed for the event. The com-

pany then will move to the Roman theater in Caesarea for

three more performances of the Tchaikovsky classic and a

single performance of 'Don Quixote.' The stellar lineup

includes Julia Makhalina, who danced here in 1994, and

Farukh Ruzimatov, who danced at the Gala of the Stars at

head of preventative security in the

West Bank.



Murderer Abeer Wheidy telis reporters in Ramallah yesterday that "the struggle will go on."

tumes danced in a jubilant circle after the first prisoner - Lamia Marouf - was released.

the 1984 kidnapping and murder of zenship and her daughter lives. Her here.

Marouf, 31, who served 10 years soldier David Manos, was deported husband, who was also involved in of a life term for her involvement in to Brazil, where she has dual citi- the murder, remains imprisoned

Prince Hassan expresses hope for agreement on Jerusalem

By ELDAD BECK

PARIS - Since Israel and the Palestinian Authority came to an agreement on Hebron, there is hope they can do the same regarding Jerusalem, Jordanian Crown Prince

Hassan said yesterday in Paris. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu demonstrated his pragmatism hy signing the Hebron agreement and releasing the Palestinian women prisoners. Hassan said. These acts, which Hassan said show Netanyahu's

CAPITAL

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elections Binyamin Netanyahu

promised that the government

under his leadership would close

PLO institutions in Jerusalem.

After eight months, the PLO

establishments in Jerusalem are

flourishing and PLO security ser-

vice men are marning freely in

The name he gave the motion is a play on the Likud's election slo-

gan saying Shimou Peres would

divide Jerusalem. Motions with

the same title also were filed by

Labor MKs Moshe Shahal and Micha Goldman. Shahal's motion

mentions both the PA activities

and the government's delay in starting the Har Hnma housing

project, Goldman's concentrates

Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cuhen said the prime

minister's refusal to allow the Har

Homa project "hinted at his inten-

He belittled the group of coali-

tion MKs from the Land of Israel

Front who are rebelling against

party lines until the construction

work in Jerusalem gets uoderway, and said they are "just pretending

Cohen called nn them, however.

to be threatening."

tinn to negotiate on Jerusalem."

just on the Har Homa issue.

respect for the agreements signed autonomy accords has been by the previous government, combined with the Beilin-Eitan plan, create a new, hopeful political context in the Middle East.

Hassan, on an official visit to

France at the invitation of French Prime Minister Alain Juppe, met with President Jacques Chirac yesterday. During his discussions with the French leaders, Hassan stressed that the Hebron accord restored the essential framework for the peace process.:

The legitimacy of the interim

to support his bill calling for a special Knesset majority to

the Jerusalem issue in its faction meeting yesterday and criticized the prime minister over his handling of construction in the capi-

faction decided it has commenced

approve any proposed change in Jerusalem's status. The Third Way also discussed

Party leader and Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani told reporters, however, his faction would not consider. leaving the government as "we can work better from within. The

Jerusalem, then it might mean it is worth giving [Labor leader candidate] Ehud Barak a chance," he

the struggle [for Jerusalem]."
Third Way MK Alex Lubotsky used much stronger language.
"If Netanyahu will not build in

tion so that progress toward our ultimate goal will be assured," Prince Hassan said at a dinner Juppe hosted for him. However, he emphasized peace talks with Syria and Lebanon must

acknowledged. Let us hope and

pray that Hebron becomes the bea-

con guiding the future collabora-

be renewed as soon as possible. "We cannot speak about advanc-ing peace while there is a stalemate in the talks with Syria and Lebanon," Hassan said.

US labor activist Benjamin Gebiner dies

Benjamin Gebiner, the longtime general-secretary of the Workmen's Circle and the animated radio commentator who devoted his life in America to Jewish and labor causes, died in New York on Friday. He was 98.

Gebiner, who arrived in New York from Poland in 1921, was an administrator, teacher, lawyer, professor and journalist. He was a contributor to the Yiddish newspaper The Forward, and from 1950 to 1972 provided daily commentary on the news for the paper's radio station, WEVD.

Gebiner's friends included David Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir.



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Israeli stamps to be marketed in Far East

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An agency for the sale, marketing and distribution of Israeli stamps and other philatelic products in China, Singapore and Hong Kong is opening today. The agency, located in Hong Kong, will be opened with a dinner to be attended by Chinese Foreign Minister Qichen Qian, Postal Anthority director-general Moshe Tery, Consul-General in Hong Kong Zohar Raz, Philatelic Service director Yimon Beilin and various diplomats. The office, which has been given exclusive rights in those areas, will be managed by the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation based in New York. The IGPC, which has offices in Hong Kong, currently runs the official Israel Philatelic Service in North America.

Helms: PM must reduce Israeli abortions

US Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Sen. Jesse Helms is to call on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu "to immediately reduce the number of abortions in Israel, or else substantial numbers of senators and congressmen would demand

a reduction of foreign aid to Israel."

So says Dr. Eli Shusheim, head of the Efrat organization, which promotes childbirth and opposes abortions, who met with Helms and California Congressman Boh Doman on their recent

The two US "right-to-life" legislators said they would invite Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai to the US to visit congressmen and senators who oppose abortion. Judy Siegel

IDF, Bar-ilan sign deferment agreement

The IDF and Bar-Ilan University have signed an agreement allowing 50 honor students in physics and chemistry to defer their military service for the duration of their college studies. The IDF agreed to the arrangement due to the military's lack of soldiers trained in these fields.

The agreement differs from the Atuda (academic reserve) program, in which students mix university studies with military service in the summers and semester breaks and theo sign on extra time. In this agreement, students are oot obligated to sign on extra time for the right to defer their service. Arieh O'Sullivan

Study: Pollution affecting health of Tel Avivians

MKs expressed shock at the data presented yesterday to the Knesset Interior Committee from a survey taken last year in Tel Aviv of second- to sixth-grade schoolchildren checking a possible link between their health and the level of air pollotion in their neighborhoods. In certain neighborhoods, the frequency of respiratory problems is 45 percent higher than elsewhere in the city. The list of complaints includes asthma, bronchitis and severe coughing. The deviation from air cleanliness standards is higher in Tel Aviv than in any other city in the country, according to the Environment Ministry.

IDF appeals decision giving gay partner widower's benefits

By ESTHER HECHT

A month after an appeals committee attached to the Tel Aviv District Court ruled the IDF must recognize Adir Steiner as the widower of Col. Doron Maisel and grant him all benefits to which such widowers are entitled, the IDF has appealed the decision.

Steiner's suit, one of three he has filed against the IDF, derives from his seven-year relationship with Maisel, who died of cancer in 1991 at age 46.

Ten days ago, in response to another of the suits, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai declared the IDF would recognize Steiner "as if he were a family member" in matters, primarily ceremonial, related to perpetuating Maisel's memory.

The army is being inconsistent," Steiner said yesterday. "Now I'm entitled to weep at memorial ceremonies, but when it comes to receiving pension benefits, for which deductions were made from Doron's salary, they don't recognize me."

The IDF's appeal, in Jerusalem District Court, is based mainly on the language of the law pertaining to pensions, which it claims canoot be interpreted as granting benefits to same-sex partners.

The appeal expresses no value judgment regarding the specific case nor in relation to the public debate on this issue," the IDF Spokesman said.

According to Steiner, however, the IDF'a pursuit of the matter is hypocritical and irresponsible. The army has declared there must be no discrimination against gaya regarding the draft or advancement. In theory, a gay soldier can become the chief of staff.

"But if a gay soldier dies, they're saying he's worth less [than a heterosexual soldier], because they treat his partner as if he doesn't exist."

Meanwhile, Steiner's third suit, io which he is seeking recognition as the widower of a fallen soldier, is still pending. "Fallen soldiers" are those killed in battle, or who died during their service and because of their service. According to Steiner, an IDF medical committee determined Maisel's fatal illness (melanoma) was caused by overexposure to the sun during his army service.

Livnat, Knesset discuss extraterrestrial life

By JUDY STEGEL

The Knesset's deliberations yesterday were out of this world, as Communications Minister Limor Livnat stated that the existence or nonexistence - of unidentified flying objects cannot be verified by scientific methods.

Livnat, the government's liaison with the Knesset, was responding on behalf of the Science Ministry to a parliamentary question by MK Avi Yehezkel (Labor) dealing with recent claims about the landing of strangers from outer space. The latest one, revolving around a little green thing found at a moshav, was proven by foreign scientists to have terrestrial ori-

"No serious body in the world has authoritative evidence of socalled visits by creatures from space." Livnat said. "It's true that a lack of proof doesn't mean that something does not exist, but in the absence of evidence, anyone is

free to believe what he wants." The minister noted with irony that despite the intensive 'encounters' by extraterrestrial

creatures with laborers, farmers, housewives and pensioners, none of them have ever met a physicist, biologist, chemist or astronomer to get an exact scientific picture of the similarities and contrasts between our worlds."

The planet Earth "needed five hillion years to develop intelligent life; although other parts of the universe are older, there may be heavenly bodies with life forms..., but consider the fact that the average distance from another planet with the potential of life in our galaxy is 400 light-years, and it would take a spaceship 8.5 million years to get here."

The US government established investigative committees on UFOs in 1948, 1949, 1952 and 1962, and they discredited 95 percent of the testimonies, Livnat said, but "their conclusions did not weaken popular belief in UFOs. We don't know anything more about them today than we did 50 years ago, and that's true about the Loch Ness monster, astrology, parapsychology, palm reading and other strange and various notions."

Child advocate: Restore funding for school health services

By JUDY SIEGEL

Health services in the schools and kindergartens have collapsed due to a halt in funding in January, National Council for the Child director Dr. Yitzhak Kadman said in a letter to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

This is criminal negligeoce," said Kadman, noting that "for the want of NIS 40 million a year, the halting of vaccinations and physical checkups could have serions consequences years from now... Let us not be surprised if, in a few years, the rate of defects, diseases and physical limitations has grown significantly."

The problem developed after the intro-duction of the national health insurance sys-

tem, which stipulates that all health services, including those at schools, be supplied hy the four health funds.

The Parents Association has gone to court to prevent the government from charging parents extra health-service fees.

But the insurers demanded extra funds to cover the school services, beyond their share in health taxes. As a result, the government allocated NIS 27 million to the municipalities for the current school year. However, the funds ran out in January.

Some municipalities brought in contractors employing low-level doctors and nurses instead of community health professionals, who previously supplied health services

Some local authorities, however, took the

The Education Ministry said yesterday it and the Health Ministry would discuss a proposal wherehy the Health Ministry will supply these services in the schools and kindergartens.

"The two ministries decided therefore to examine a proposal in which the Health Ministry would provide the services and in this way supervise the quality of service," according to the statement.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer believes that because there have been no state allocations for this since January, an immediate solution must be found." The education minister opposes charging parents for these services, as "their financial

burden is already enough," the statement eaid.

However, Health Ministry spokesman Effi Lahav said the Education Ministry's statement was "not accurate." Health Mioister Yehoshua Matza had proposed that his ministry would supply health services only in development towns, via district health offices and family health centers.

"This would cover a third of all needy families in the country," Lahav said, "For this, the Treasury must transfer NIS 12 million in Education Ministry funds to the Health Ministry."

The spokesman stressed that the two ministers have not yet met to discuss the subject, and that a joint decision has yet to be

Three Righteous Gentiles honored posthumously

By BATSHEVA TSUR

One day at the end of 1941, a 13-year-old boy from the Russian village of Kauchuk near Kursk, came across another youngster of his age lying unconscious in the street. Yesterday, the Russian boy, Sim Yeremin, received a certificate honoring his parents for saving the life of that Jewish boy.

Two other Righteous Gentiles from the former Soviet Union were also honored posthumously at yesterday's ceremony.

Back in 1941, Sim Yeremin, today a resident of Tiberias, ran to get water to revive the boy, a Jewish orphan by the name of Victor Feinstein, then took him home. Feinstein, it transpired, had contracted typhoid while wandering around for a year after his widowed mother was deported from their home town of Pereschnoi in the Ukraine,

Until the Red Army liberated the area about a year later, Ivan and Pelagea Yeremin cared for Feinstein as if he were their own son. At times of danger, they would send him to an elderly woman at the far end of the village who did not realize he was Jewish. In 1993, Feinstein made aliya to Israel. Shortly afterward, he contacted Yad Vashern to have the Yeremins recognized for saving...

Meanwhile, Sim'Yeremin, who had married a Jewess, applied to make aliya to Israel. In August 1996, his parents received the recognition from Yad Vasbem. Just before that. Feinstein died. as did Sim Yeremin's wife. Yesterday Sim was the sole family member present at the Yad Vashem cere-

Also honored yesterday were the late Zinaida and Ludmila Zelinskaya who saved the life of a young Jewish woman in the Northern Caucasus by disguising ber as a Christian and crossing into Moldovia with her. They forged documents belonging to a deceased relative which they said belonged to the Jewess, Tzippora.



Sim Yeremin (right) accepts a Righteous Gentile certificate in honor of his parents from Judge Ya'acov Meltz at Yad Vashem yes-

the request to honor the Zelinskayas was made by her sis-

ter who recently made aliya. Yvgenya Koretski received the award yesterday on behalf of her late husband, Alexander, who had saved a Jewish woman after her non-Jewish in-laws refused to keep her in their home for fear of their lives.

Jewess, The Genrietta Kononenko from Dneproptrovska, was offered poison by her motherin-law who tried to get her to commit suicide after her busband was

But Koretski decided to take the Jewess in, despite all the dangers, and he and his sister, Maria, prepared a small room for ber in their

In 1943, as the Germans were

Since Tzippora died 30 years ago, retreating, two policemen came to bribed them to leave. Alexander received the award, decided she the house and found Kononenko. and Maria Koretski have mean-

Maria took off her gold watch and while died, but Yvgenya, who life living in Israel.

would like to spend the rest of her

Swiss confirm decision to set up Holocaust victims fund

The Swiss government formally agreed yester-day to set up and manage a humanitarian fund for Holocaust victims, but it did not commit itself to contributing to the fund.

A fund could be established within a week. Last week, the three major Swiss banks announced they had deposited SFr 100 million to start such a fund, and they invited donations from

the Swiss government and business community. The government will consult with husiness and Jewish organizations to determine the exact purpose and recipients of the fund, Swiss Foreign

Minister Flavio Cotti said. It was likely that the

fund would be used for projects to aid destitute Holocaust survivors and their offspring.

Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg said from London last night, en route to testify in New York on the Holocaust compensation issue, "This is a great achievement. However, from our point of view, oo one is doing us a favor. This is not Swiss money. It belongs to the Jews.

The decision indicates good will, but not a solution to the problem. The only solution will be when all assets lonted from the Jews will be

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Alut launches campaign for autistic children

A week-long fund-raising campaign for Alut, the Association for

Autistic Children, kicked off in the Knesset yesterday with several meetings and events attended by Leah Rabin, the organization's chairwoman. "The problem of

autistics is that they fall between the stools of the various ministries," she said. "They are not retarded and yet they are not curable. They are dealt with by three ministries: Health, Lahor and Social Health,

Affairs and Education, the only one which understands and cooperates with us via the special education system until the age of 21.



Leah Rabin

problems start. Over and over again, we have been promised funds to establish and run hostels, and ont received them. Local residents also do

not jump for joy at having a hostel in their neighborhood." Maxim Levy (Gesher-Likud), chairman of the Knesset Labor and Social

Committee, which held a meeting on the subject,

told the participants that Israel has yet to successfully deal with the problems of special populations. He said there is no comparison between the

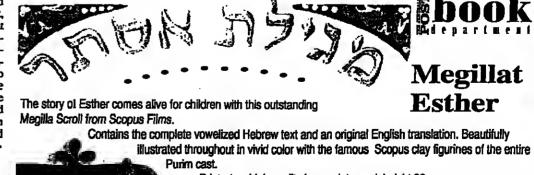
conditions of boarding school-type establishments far from home and residential facilities where children can visit their own homes daily and

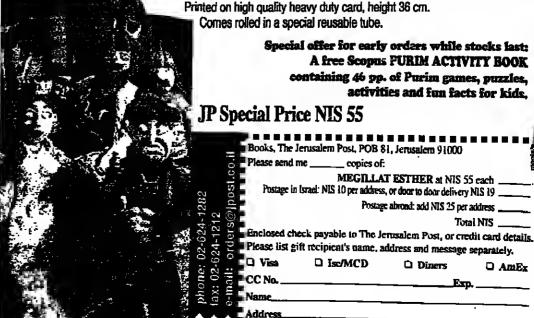
"At the age of 21, however, the rohlems start. Over and over The Education Ministry's Leah Shaked said 1,500 · autistics between ages three and 21 study in

the special education system. Liora Avigdori, from Alut, told the MKs that 17 years ago her father had murdered her 12-yearsuicide because he could not cope with the lack of help. "And today, 17 years later, noth-

ing has changed. There are still no solutions. In Haifa we established a course for 14 children but the facilides are closed because the min-

old autistic son and committed istries do not have a budget for it." Efi Arbel from the Finance Ministry's hudget department said the discussions his ministry are. holding with the Health Ministry and Alut would be finished within a month, and then the construction of hostels could begin.







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Albania police stop protests as criticism rises

riot police swamped the center of Tirana yesterday to prevent the opposition from staging anti-govemment protests amid increasing international criticism of the leadership's attempts to contain the

Truckloads of police descended on the headquarters of the Forum for Democracy opposition alliance and prevented several prominent politicians from leaving the build-

Bystanders on street corners. mainly elderly women, shouted at policemen: "We will turn this into a Vlore" — a reference to the southern port where three people have died this week in fierce clashes between protesters and

police.
"This is intolerable. All the leaders of the opposition were prevented from taking part on the orders of the interior ministry," said Skender Gjinushi, leader of the Social Democratic Party.

The Forum for Democracy, which groups 10 political parties, had scheduled a mid-day protest at Tirana's main stadium to demand the government's resignation, but the Interior Ministry banned the

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) said it was deeply worried about the growing violence in Albania, warning that the potential

TIRANA (Reuter) - Albanian for a serious crisis was at hand. Europe's top security body called on all sides in the Balkan state to respect the rule of law.

The British government said it was appalled by the violence in Albania, adding it was "deeply concerned about reports of arrests and intimidation of opposition leaders.

Opposition politicians said violence was inevitable if the rightwing government of President Sali Berisha did not back down and allow peaceful protests by investors who blame authorioes for the collapse of pyramid investment schemes.

The crisis bas left hundreds of thousands of savers in Europe's poorest nation without a penny, sparking some of the worst popular unrest since Albania's hardline Stalinist regime was toppled in

Prime Minister Aleksander Meksi vowed to crack down on the protests, which he says are organized by leftist extremists.

"The Democratic Party has organized to respond with our forces, not only the police," he said. "We are ready." About 5,000 people massed in the centre of Viore. The protests in the port town have been peaceful since Monday, when protesters enraged by the failure of a local investment scheme fought pitched battles

Ecuador picks new president

QUITO (AP) - Congress chose its own leader as Ecuador's interim president, ending a governing crisis that has threatened this small Andean nation's political stability since the ouster of its elected presi-

Fabian Alarcon — sworn in as the country's third president in a week - faces a huge budget deficit, inflation that could hit 50 percent this year and a public up in arms over recent austerity measures. The 49-year-old Alarcon, the leader of Congress, replaces Rosalia

Arteaga, the former vice-president who took over after lawmakers sacked President Abdala Bucaram for mental incapacity... Fellow lawmakers voted 57-2 yesterday to elect Alarcon in a deal

engineered by the powerful armed forces. "The entire country is breathing easier because we have put this crisis behind us," said armed forces chief Gen. Paco Moncayo.

North Korea accuses South of kidnapping top official

Post news agencies

TOKYO - The North Korean Foreign Ministry said yesterday one of the country's top officials, reported earlier to have defected to South Korea, must have been kid-

napped.
The South Korean government had said that Hwang Jang-yop, a senior aide to the North's leader King Jong-il, had sought asylum at its embassy in the Chinese capital, Beijing, along with his assistant Kim Dok-

Pyongyang Foreign Ministry sman told the North's official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA): "The South Korean authorioes are spreading the rumor

that Hwang Jang-yop, secretary of the central committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, asked for "asylnm" at their "embassy" in Beijing today on his way back from Tokyo. This is inconceivable and

"If it is true that Hwang Jang-yop is in the South Korean "embassy" in Beijing, it is obvious that he has been kidnapped by the enemy. We are seeking information from the Chinese side through relevant channels," KCNA quoted him as saying. "If it is brought to light that the South Korean authorities kidnapped him and describe him as seeking "asylum," we will regard it as a serious incident without precedent and take due countermeasures. We expect that the

Chinese side will take appropriate measures in this regard," the spokesman added.

Hwang, 73, is one of the chief architects of North Korean communism, and would be the highest ranking Pyongyang official ever

to seek asylum in the South. He is credited with playing a leading role in shaping the policy of juche, a brand of fanatic self-reliance providing the ideological underpinning for the world's last

He is believed to be a cousin of the nation's late leader, Kim Il Sung. He leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter behind in North Korea, officials in Seoul said.

The defection by Hwang came as North Korea was preparing to celebrate its biggest

holiday, the 55th birthday of its de facto leader, who rose to power upon the death of his father almost three years ago.

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The weekend celebrations this year had already been overshadowed by the nation's worsening economic plight, aggravated by two successive years of devastating floods that have plunged North Korea toward

For the third time in a year, the UN World Food Program issued an appeal this week for 100,000 metric tons of emergency food aid worth \$41 million for the impoverished

Sooth Korean Ambassador Chung Jongwook said Hwang defected at around 10 a.m. with an aide in his 50s.

Suspect 'hated blacks, Jews'

FAYETTEVILLE. Carolina (AP) — A former para-trooper accused of shooting a black couple to death as part of a skinhead initiation would give the Nazi salute while listening to a song about killing blacks and Jews, his ex-girlfriend testified. James Burmeister also displayed

Nazi flags and wore skinhead outfits in his Fort Bragg barracks room, and said that his white boot laces symbolized white supremacy, while yellow laces meant the wearer had killed someone, Kelly Cook Kelly testified as the trial opened.

Mrs. Kelly testified that in March 1995, Burmeister "told me that him and his friends were racists and they stuck with their own kind." Months later, she told Burmeister that being a skinhead was a phase.

"He told me I was right and it would be over when he killed someone."

She also identified Burmeister in a photo that snowed a group giv-ing a Nazi salute. She said the salute was given when they played a rock song called Third Reich, which had lyrics about killing blacks and Jews, The song, by a group called Rohowa, was played for jurors.

Burmeister, 21, one of three former soldiers accused, is charged with murder and conspiracy in the Dec. 7, 1995, killings of Michael James and Jackie Burden.



Forging toward independence

Chechnya's new President Aslan Maskhadov raises his fist at his inauguration ceremony in Grozny yesterday. Elected last month, Maskhadov bas promised to fight for full independence from Russia. (Reuter)

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Thousands rally against Milosevic New Rushdie

By JOYANA GEC

BELGRADE (AP) - Striking teachers and independent trade union leaders joined 20,000 students who hit the streets yesterday as opponents of President Slobodan Milosevic kept up the protests that yielded their first triumph over his authoritarian rule.

On Tuesday, after three months of non-stop demonstrations, Serbia's parliament acted on Milosevic's instructions and passed a law that finally conceded local election victories won by the opposition last November.

By midday yesterday, some of the tens of thousands of teachers on strike in 1,800 schools across Serbia had surrounded the parliament building in downtown Belgrade to press their demands for overdue pay and higher wages.

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Some 20,000 students who want their pro-Milosevic university rector ousted went on their 82nd daily protest march, while independent union leaders added to the street carnival by setting up a soup kitchen aimed at feeding the hun-gry and rallying Serbia's disorganized workers.

The main opposition coalition, Zajedno (Together), called supporters to an evening event that was to feature launching an unmanned red boat into the Danube river to symbolize the desired departure of Milosevic's neo-Communists from

Bowing to pressure from bome and abroad, the parliament controlled by Milosevic reinstated opposition election victories in the capital Belgrade and 13 other major towns.

Milosevic apparently was hoping

to end street protests which began when he annulled those opposition wins and developed into a grassroots revolt against his rule. Coupled with foreign pressure, it created the biggest challenge to his decade in power.

The mood is extremely tense, people are not satisfied with crumbs," said a top opposition leader, Democratic Party leader Zoran Djindjic. "I expect protests to continue in

all of Serbia until larger changes than the return of stolen votes happen," Djindjic said.

"Serbia is in a mature stage of protests. ... Serbia will not calm down until the government is changed." Establishment of municipal governments in Belgrade, where Diindiic is to become mayor. and other cities now conceded to the opposition is expected in days.

bounty denounced

LONDON (Reuter) - Britain called on Iran yesterday to denounce an increased bounty for the killing of British writer Salman Rushdie.

Campaigners against the death sentence, imposed by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini for Rushdie's alleged blasphemy against Islam, called on Europe to break off all talks with Iran except those aimed at ending the threat on his life.

A leading Iranian politician distanced his government from the offer of a \$2.5 million reward. Mohammad Javad Larijani said the 15th Khordad (June Fifth) Foundation, which offered the reward, was a charitable body that

did not represent the government.

Shuttle set for Hubble tune-up

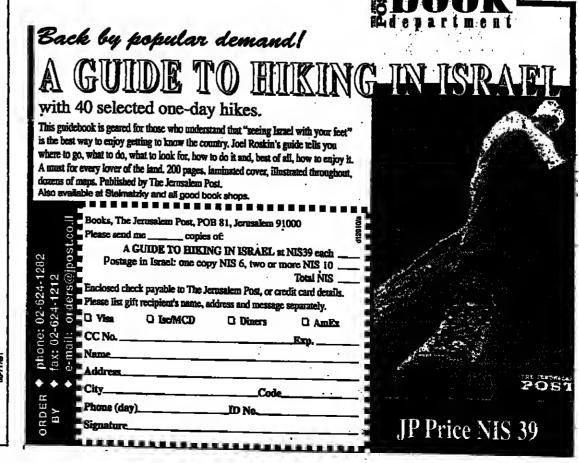
JOHNSON SPACE CENTER. Texas, (Reuter) - The crew of the shuttle Discovery yesterday flexed the spacecraft's robot arm, checked their spacesuits and said they were ready for a service call on the orbiting Hnbble telescope.

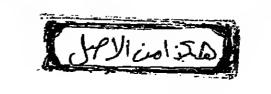
Discovery trailed Hubble by 930 km yesterday morning and was closing in on it by about 110 km with each orbit of the earth. Final preparations were under

way to retrieve the telescope early this morning for a four-day refurbishment. Astronaut Steve Hawley, who

used the shuttle's robot arm in 1990 to launch the telescope, put the Canadian-built arm through its paces to be sure it was working.

MAKING PEACE WITH THE PLO The Rabin Government's Road to the Oslo Accord David Makovsky, the diplomatic correspondent of The Jerusalem Post, provides a clear, detailed and fascinating account of how. and equally important, why the Oslo agreement came about. "...the best insight into the Israeli side of the negotiations." Published by Westview Press, softcover, 239 pp. JP Price NIS 75 incl. VAT., p&h in Israel To: Books, The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, Jerusalem 91000. Please send me____copies of Making Peace with the PLO. Enclosed is my check payable to The Jerusalem Post. Credit card orders accepted by phone.





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Kiss and don't tell

By GREER FAY CASHIKAN

those tell-tale lipstick marks. which used to signal to women that their significant others had been indulging in hankypanky with someone else, are fast becoming a thing of the past.

After taking worldwide surveys on men's and women's attitudes to lipstick, cosmetic companies reached the conclusion that one of the more urgent needs on the agenda was the creation of a non-transfer lipstick.

Lancome went a step further with Rouge Idole, a transfer-resistant lipstick which is not only non-transferable and long-lasting but also has bydratic benefits to keep lips moist.

Since its launching in the US last September until January of this year, Ronge Idole, according to Lancome marketing manager Joelle Saadia, has sold 400,000 units. The 1997 sales forecast in the US alone is 1,400,000 units.

In France, said Saadia, Rouge Idole was No. 1 in lipstick retail sales in the first month of its

Curious to see whether Israeli attitudes to lipstick reflected global views, Lancome commissioned Gallup (Israel) to check out the local scene. The findings presented by psychologist and Gallup general manager Dr. Avinoam Brug more or less corresponded with those of his colleagues abroad, and proved once. again that men and women differ on almost everything - including lip-

Do men like their women to wear lipstick? Yes, but not bright screaming reds. In general, they prefer softer colors. Women think that men like other women with scarlet lips, but want their own women to wear colors which are less shocking and provocative.

In moments of intimacy, men. would rather not have their women wear lipstick at all. They're scared it will leave blotches, and they're not keen on the taste. Women on the other hand, often say that they feel naked without their lipstick.

What really bugged men about lipstick was seeing it on cups and glasses. Some had childhood tranmas about aunts and grandmothers leaving very visible imprints on their cheeks and then smearing the whole mess with a handkerchief in futile attempts to remove the offending color.

While women think nothing of refreshing their lipstick in public, men don't like to watch them doing it, especially when they compress their lips to even the texture. If this little exercise results in lipstick on their teeth, men are absolutely repulsed, claiming that it makes the woman in question look as if she's suffering from some severe gum disease.

Lancome's main challenge was to make its non-transfer lipstick "comfortable" and to keep the lips "supple." Products by rival companies tended to make the lips dry and uncomfortable.

As with all cosmetic products, this was yet another example of different strokes for different folks. Yes indeed, it was easy to use the slimline linstick, which obviates the need for a crayon to outline the shape. And yes, after the required two-minute wait before blotting, it stayed put and stamlessly pure, though it did yield to a vigorous rub. As for comfortable? I'm afraid not. I was aware of it for hours after putting it on. It was like having a superfine strip of chewing gum

stuck to my mouth. Still, for those who want to play kiss and don't tell, Lancome has found a 12-shade solution.

CAVEAT EMPTOR!

Halachic wolf in sheep's clothing

Tearing clothing made of shatnez— fabric containing both wool and linen — is prohibited by biblical

What many consumers may not know is that there is no civil law preventing its import or sale in Israel.

When L.B. purchased an imported woolen coat from Hamashbir Lazarchan a few years ago, an afterthought caused her to phone the shop upon arriving bome to make sure that the fabric did not also con-

Her fears were soon assuaged when she was assured by a Hamashbir employee that no store in the large chain sells garments containing the halachically forbidden fab-

Recently, after exiting the Jerusalem Rabbinate where she was making arrangements for her daughter's wedding, L.B. entered a Miss Lagotte boutique.

There she quickly found the perfect cket to wear at the upcoming wedding. Delighted to have completed this particular arrangement so painlessly, L.B. did not mind paying close to NIS 300 for the item. Subsequently, L.B. purchased other arti-cles of clothing to match the jacket; she also bad the jacket altered a bit for a better

Her "mother-of-the-bride" outfit was now complete, and waiting to be worn to the big event, just around the corner.

But when her sister-in-law stopped on to take a peek at the outfit, however, L.B. was in for a big surprise. "Look bere," said the concerned rela-

tive, who came across an unwelcome label. This jacket is made of linen and wool. It's shamer!"

L.B. was fit to be tied. It hadn't occurred to her to examine a label for shamez in a shop just outside of the Jerusalem

Sadly, she returned to the shop with the no-longer-suitable jacket in tow. The shopkeeper - according to L.B. - behaved responsibly, and gave ber nearly full credit (in spite of the garment's baving been altered).

However, on ber way out of the shop, L.B. noticed the jacket being returned to the rack, alongside an identical one. This,



For those concerned about 'shatnez' beware: The law does not restrict the sale of wool and linen together.

she felt, would be unfair to other unsuspecting customers.

The Religious Affairs Ministry spokesman's office confirmed the biblical prohibition of shamez, but had no idea

whether its sale in Israel is allowed. Even Trade Ministry officials were unclear on this subject, prior to investigation. Had my question been about the sale of pork, I would have gotten immediate response from both.

Considering the fact that wearing shatne; is as big a no-no as eating pig meat

where Halacha is concerned, the confusion is confusing. Regarding the reason behind the law

against shamez: one interpretation includes it as part of a series of directives intended to beighten people's sensitivities to the careful use of the natural world.

This theme is expressed in the following tale from the Midrash: When God created Adam he showed him the trees of the Garden of Eden. "Look at my beautiful creations," He said, "All are for you. Be careful not to destroy them because there will be no one after you to repair them." The restriction on the combined use of linen, which is from the ground, and wool, which is from an animal, is seen as a reminder that we must set limits - both in attitude and in practice - on our use of the natural world.

Perhaps I would bave done better to phone the Environment Ministry with my

While there is no legal restriction on the sale of shatnez, both the Consumer Protection law and talmudic civil law require that merchandise be marked in such a way as to prevent the misleading of the consumer.

The Talmud expanded the biblical directive "not to put a stumbling block before the blind" to include "not to mislead anyone in any area of life for which he is blind." (Other similar talmudic consumerprotection laws include the prohibition of mixing old fruit in a package with new, selling wine diluted with water, and painting old merchandise prior to a sale.)

According both to secular and to religious law, the sale of L.B.'s jacket was kosher - as the item was clearly marked. The rest of you beware. Do not make assumptions about the clothes you purchase in this country. Shamez is roaming

around freely. Check the labels of all garments. If there is no clear specification of the type of fibers in the fabric, take into account that it may have wool and linen.

(My thanks to Itamar Marcus for his assistance in biblical interpretation.)

LIGHT-BULB ENLIGHTENER. For those of you curious about halogen lamps and dimmers: it is not necessary to use a dimmer on a halogen lamp but doing so helps preserve the longevity of the tube (bulb) due to a reduction in thermal shock.

Holy mackerel! Sushi fans in heaven

By DANKEL ROGOV

X / hether the tuna caught last week by a laffa fisherman on the coast between Haifa and Netanya weighed 360 kilos, as the sushi chef at Tel Aviv's Yakimono restaurant states, or merely 320 kilos as other, possibly jealous, non-owners of the fish claim, is not significant.

At either weight, this is one of the biggest fish ever caught in our region. Tuna is a large, strong, spindle-shaped fish related to the mackerei family. Nearly all are found in warm and

temperate seas. The "albacore." which is probably the most highly prized of all tuna, is generally found off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of North and Central America and in the Sea of Japan.

While manue Pacific tunas often attain a weight of 150 kilos or more. those that make their way to the Mediterranean are generally those Italians and Spanish.

Considerably smaller than American and Japanese varieties, these tima rarely grow to more than one meser in length and are found in local waters only from May to October. But that does not stop them from being marvelously tasty, especially when fresh, before they have found their way into cans.

Fresh tuna costs considerably more than either the frozen or tinned varieties. The fact is, however, that tuna that have been cooked fresh taste infinitely better than their tinned consins.

The fish that was caught here was a rarity in far more ways than just its size. Categorized as a white tuna, which is remarkably similar to albacore, the firm, oily, fat-flecked flesh of the fish is so savory that some compare it to yeal.

More than this, in fish this size the section that the Japanese call the "toro" (the underside of the belly) is so valued that its wholesale price called "thonine" by the French, ranges between \$1,800 and \$3,000 per kilo. Considering that the toro on a fish this size weighs more than eight kilos, that makes this an expensive fish indeed.

In no form is the toro more appreciated than when served as sashimi, the piece de resistance of Japanese

To make this queen of delicacies, pieces of absolutely fresh raw fish are scaled, cleaned and then spaked in water. Afterwards, the fish is filletted, the skin is removed and the meat is sliced with special sharp, thin knives.

Served with soy sauce, wassabi (the hot green borseradish that Japanese so adore) and thin slices of pickled ginger, sashimi surprises many Westerners because of its delicate, enchanting taste and its surprising lack of the smell of fish.

One enthusiastic client at the restaurant ordered 15 slices of sashimi and then went on to eat nine sushi, all made from the toro. Accompanied by warm saki, his bill came to NIS 847. On the same



There's a lot of tuna sandwich in this beast: One of the biggest fish ever caught here, this white tuna is the new star attraction at a Tel Aviv restaurant.

day, a Japanese diamond merchant residing in Tel Aviv purchased the head (including the eyes which are said to be a special delicacy) and a

kilo of the toro for a price in excess able for about another week. of several thousand dollars. Avi Cohen, owner of Yakimono, estimates that the fish will be avail-

A single slice of sashimi from the toro will cost NIS 15, the handrolls cost NIS 23.

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Dictatorship in our backyard

For Israelis, the release this week of 30 slowly being rendered irrelevant the Basic Law it Palestinian women prisoners, some of whom were guilty of cold-hlooded terrorist murder, was painful to watch. The granting of pardons, especially for heinous, nationalistically motivated crimes, always carries with it the danger that the legal system's deterreoce of similar acts in the future will be weakened. The families of the victims of terrorist acts were particularly hurt hy the release.

Amongst the Palestinians, however, the release was the occasioo for expressions of joy. Yasser Arafat and other leading Palestinian Authority personalities arranged an official greeting for the released prisoners. The PA has for a long time made the issue of Palestinians held in Israeli prisons, and their deteotioo conditions, a major public issue. Doing so has, among other things, been a convenient tool for the PA leadership to deflect criticism of the horrid treatment of Palestinians detained in Palestinian jails.

According to homan rights groups monitoring the issue, at least 12 Palestinians have been tortured to death or shot while under interrogation since the Palestinian Authority began self-rule in the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank in 1994. These 12 reported cases reflect only a small portioo of the prisoners systematically tortured hy the Palestinian police.

Palestinian policemen, especially wheo questioned on the subject by Westerners, sometimes attempt to justify the appalling treatment of detained Palestinians by claiming that their hrutal actions are oecessary for the sake of effectively fighting terrorism. The lie in these statemeots is exposed by the fact that many of those who were tortured to death were not even charged with security offenses. For example, the latest victim of such torture, Yussef Baba, who died two weeks ago, was arrested oo suspicion of making improper property sales.

The use of torture hy the Palestinian police has nothing to do with the fight against terrorism and everything to do with the type of society that the leadership of the PA is imposing on the residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. A dark and brutal dictatorship is developing in Israel's backyard.

The torture of prisoners is only the bluntest expression of this dictatorship, and is meant to instill an atmosphere of fear and self-censorship among the Palestinian population. The institutions which should be fighting for the human rights of the residents of the PA have been reduced to impotence by Arafar. The justice system is not worthy of its name. Summary trials and detentions with-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LOCAL VOTING DISTRICTS

Sir, - The \$10,000 annual allo-

cation to Knesset members to

open offices oear their homes

could benefit taxpayers immense-

decide which party hack "repre-

scots" the people. But if voters can pour out their woes to their

local Knesset member in his den,

or demonstrate outside his office

if he refuses to see them, he will

soon realize that his popularity

within the party will depend

more and more on local public

to maiotain their distance from

individual voters hy heing gen-

erally inaccessible io the

Knesset, or using their homes as

If they cannot do so any more,

local voting districts may eventu-

ally come into existence in line

with the pattern in the US,

MACABEE DEAN

fortresses.

Ramat Gan.

At present, most MKs manage

At present, political parties

has asked to enact is languishing for lack of signature on Arafat's desk; Arafat has not even bothered to hring the PA's budget before the Council for debate, much less approval; and PA officials summoned to report to Council committees investigating charges of corruption and human rights abuses do not even bother to show up. It is increasingly common to hear Palestinians saying - not for attribution, of course, out of fear of the consequences - that they did not struggle for so long to live under such conditions "worse than during the Israeli occupation."

Some might argue that the experience of the twentieth century has shown that trying to forcefeed democracy on non-Western societies ofteo backfires. While there are no Arab countries that can be termed full democracies, many Palestinians make a persuasive case that of all Arab societies the Palestinians have a natural proclivity to democratization because of their long exposure to Israeli democracy and "civil society."

What went wrong, according to this point of view, is that control over the Palestinian population has not passed to a naturally home-grown internal leadership, but to a "foreign import from Tunis" -Yasser Arafat and his deputies. Given the record of Arafat's previous stints as a virtually sovereign ruler in Jordan and Lebanon, conditions in the PA should come as no surprise to anyone.

Israel should be extremely concerned by these developments for a oumber of reasons. Out of purely humanitarian feelings one should be disturbed at the reports of torture. For another thing, Israel, along with the EU and the US, is financially propping up Arafat's mini-state. Nearly the eotire PA hudget is underwritten hy foreign donors, and it is estimated that almost a quarter of the residents of the Palestinian territories depeod on a PA government paycheck for their livelihood. Investment is virtually nonexistent. No one has a reasonable guess as to how long this situation can go on.

This leads to serious questions regarding the viahility and stability of the Palestinian entity on our borders - an economic basket-case dictatorship is not a desirable neighbor. Eventually the effects of this instability will be felt throughout the region.

Obviously, the issues involved are oot simple. The entire Oslo process is centred around Arafat's control of territory; abandoning the Oslo agreements is not realistic at this point and a real alternative to Arafat is oot visible. Many Israelis may therefore prefer to ignore the topic, content that someone other than IDF soldiers is dealing with the Palestinian population. But in the long out trial are common. The Legislative Council is run, Israel ignores these questions at its peril.

THE TELEVISION FEE

Sir, - 1 read with great interest your article of January 27, 'Highlights of Beilin-Eitan final agreements position paper."

WESTERN LAND

OF ISRAEL

Point C, which reads 'No agreemeor signed by the Israeli government can include a commitment to uproot Jewish settlemeots in the Western Land of Israel nor will any agreement compromise the rights of the residents to keep their Israeli citizenship and their ties as individuals and as a community with the State of Israel," seems to have been garbled.

l wonder where the "Jewisb settlements in the Western Land of Israel" are placed, as I have the feeling that the occupied territories, where such settlements might be, are in the east of Israel and the new islands, oot yet crealed, west of Israel. Or does your staff, which sigos this article, put Israel beyood the

DR. RICHARD MATHES Jerusalem.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Sir, - Helen Motro's splendid article of January 19, "Waste oot," brought back those heady and nostalgic days in Jerusalem in 1949.

The water tank (100 gallons) in our small flat was filled once a week. We waited with bated hreath for the sound of rushing water. Every precious drop. We filled containers. First to wash our meager supply of vegetables and to cook. Wastewater was caught in a bucket under the sink. I shaved with that, we also washed, and

Sir, - Surely there are sufficiently reliable news agencies reporting sport without relying on Reuters (World of Sport, January 28). They write of Middlesbrough that the club had never been remotely fashionahle, completely ignoring the fact that in the late '20s and during the '30s, they were hardly out of the First Division. There was no Premier League in those days and that was the heyday of English (and therefore world) soccer. You again caught the wastewater in a hucket under the sink. Did one wash the floor or one's socks? You guessed right again, because even that was caught in a bucket under the sink. Tell me, dear soul, for what purpose could that hlackened residue of domestic endeavor be useful? Down the loo, stupid...

We were happy. Sharing our food, sometimes even our water. Waiting for the sound of next week's supply.

Jerusalem seemed one large London.

MIDDLESBROUGH AFC

had to be some team to stay up with the giants of those days: Arsenal, Manchester City (not United) Everton, Huddersfield and Sheffield Wednesday. captain was also England's left-back and captain in 1947-48. The forward

Middleshrough's left-back and line of those days comprised Matthews, Carter, Lawton, Mannion and Finney (with some alternations). "Golden Boy" Mannion was another Middlesbrough star.

Sir, - One of the reasons that I voted for Binyamin Netanyahu in the last election was his promise oot to raise taxes. I have now received a television

fee demand which does not mention the 50 percent reduction given to me as a pensioner in 1996. On enquiring about this, I was informed that this reduction for pensioners was canceled in the recent budget hill. Cancellation of benefits is a backhanded way of increasing taxes.

The Knesset members voted themselves an increase in salary of 33 perceot last July. Now they are giving themselves another increase of 7 percent and are discussing giving themselves thousands of dollars to set up offices at home. I object to this most strongly.

Mr. Netanyahu has stated that he will donate his 7 percent increase to charity. His donations to charity should come out of his income and not at the expense of the taxpayers, many of whom struggle to make ends meet.

ALEXANDER TUCHMAN Pardess Hanna

Israel Radio, music, arts and gossip in Cafe Atara. We were exulberant with the knowledge that we had fought and woo a Jewisk homeland. Americans studying on their "hill of rights," South Africans on kibbutzim, so many, who came from 29 countries, to

family. The first broadcasts by

pendence basked in the glory of achievement. STANLEY MEDICKS

help in Israel's struggle for inde-

Gary Pallister was getting his first caps for England whilst a Middlesbrough player (and we're talking about current affairs) before

going to Manchester United. Juninho and Nick Barmhy appear so regularly in televised games that even a reporter should be able to see that Juninho is the physically lightweight of the two and not as reported.

MICHAEL ALGE Kirvat Tivon.



The Syria-PLO axis

A thought-provoking revela-tion is in store for Binyamin Netanyahu during his visit to President Clinton in Washington this week.

He will certainly be made aware of a secret, 11-page congressional report on terrorism and warfare, drawn up under the chairmanship of New Jersey congressman Jim

At the heart of the report is a warning about a military pact drawn up betweeo Yasser Arafat and the Syrian government toward the eod of last year, threateoing bostilities against Israel.

One of the key clauses of the Damascus pact says that Arafat's police, as well as his "terrorist armed elements are to he trained" to ignite "the Israel interior in case of an escalation in the north." The report describes Arafat's

rapid construction of a chain of deep "command ceoters, ammunition and weapons storage areas, well-fortified to even withstand Israeli bombing and shelling. The PA is accumulating large stock-piles of anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons, including missiles - all forbidden hy the Oslo accords."

Security experts io Israel were already aware of Arafat's importing of vast quantities of cement from Israel into Gaza, ostensibly for constructing housing and hospitals. They will oow find disturbing confirmation of their suspicion that what the PLO chief was really up to was building a fourstory-deep HQ bunker complex under the ground.

To ensure close cooperation between Arafat and the Syrians, as laid down in the Damascus pact, joint offices have heen opeoed in Beirut and Gaza. But the HQ is in Damascus, already functioning with the blessing of President Assad.

When we contacted Saxton's Washington office, we were told by his chief spokesman: "The situation has become more serious since the report was writteo.

The Syrians have begun distributing weapons in the refugee camps [in southern Lebanon]. At the PA's request they have lauoched intensive training of PLO anti-aircraft units."

The purpose is to train these Palestinian units in the (imminent) use of the growing flow of sucb heavy weapons, oow secretly entering Gaza.

URI DAN **DENNIS EISENBERG**

These cadres will then be infiltrated into Gaza, where they will take command of the local Palestinian units [Arafat's "police" and "security forces"]. Even more startling news came from the head of the group that

prepared Saxton's report: "Syrian military/intelligeoce teams will be infiltrated into the PA area, granted Palestinian identity documents, and serve as military attaches for training Palestinian forces."

Arafat can't wait until his army has everything it needs for the war he knows is going to be waged

At the same time, the Syrians are deploying their own timelligence personnel in Gaza and in the Palestinian autonomy in Judea and Samaria. These Syrian personnel control Hamas and the Islamic Jihad, under PLO protec-

Together with the PA, the Syrians are, as the congressional report phrases it, setting up a fresh team to "employ ruthless means" to eradicate any remnants of the General Security Service's oetworks. This is intended to "further harm Israel's ability to prevent and fight terrorism." In fact, so close is the coopera-

tion between Damascus and the PA that trusted Syrian units have been ordered to gather intelli-gence data about Israel, identify and designate targets in the deep Israeli rear, and detect any preparations for war. "In the event of an eruption of

violence in Lebanon or on the Syrian horder," the report makes clear, "the Syrian-controlled teams will coordinate and lead the Palestinian "contribution" to the war effort." And "it is conceivable that the

Syrian teams, along with the Palestinians they directly control, will ultimately conduct special operations inside Israel in case of a war."

The Saxton report is, of course,

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Yes we have no politically-incorrect bananas: a Rotterdam worker unloads the first shipment of people-friendly fruit. The bananas, imported from Ecuador and Ghana, were grown in environmentally-friendly conditions by companies paying fair

based on US intelligence data, including satellites and other electronic military activity. It would be surprising if much of this information were oot already known to the GSS.

The report will surely add weight to the seriousness of the liaison between the Syrians and Arafat, and their aggressive inten-

ADVANCED weapons have been

smuggled for some time into

Gaza by sea, despite efforts by the Israeli navy to hlockade the area. Additional arms have been gotten to the PA across the border with Egypt.
There is clearly concern in our

cahinet about the buildup of Arafat's - let's call a spade a spade - military force. Despite his oew "super-dove"

image, David Levy was sufficiently alarmed to announce receotly that 30 planeloads of weapons have been flown from Iran to Damascus. The announcement forced US-

officials to admit that they have known about this for some time. European intelligence sources. revealed this week that accompanying the Iranian-supplied hardware on the planes were training specialists from Iran.

The weapons, including advanced rockets capable of reaching the Haifa area from Lebanon, were sent on to Hizhullah and other terrorists training in the southern part of the country and in the Bekaa Valley. There is little doubt that many

of these tools of war are fast making their way to Arafat. But the PLO chief has protested that the speed with which his army is being equipped is too slow for

Which is why he is pressing the prime minister as hard as he can to complete arrangements for building a scaport in Gaza and an airport in the Dahaniya area both to function independently of Israeli inspection.

Arafat is also pressing for quick implementation of safe passage for Palestinians and their goods between Gaza and the West Bank.

It would not be stretching cynicism too far to understand why this is so important to him. How else can he get the weapons detailed above into the hands of his fighters in Ramallah, Hebron, Bethlehem and other points close to Jerusalem and other Jewish areas?

One heartily hopes that Binyamin Netanyahu, oow in Washington, will not repeat the total surrender that characterized the Hebron agreement. But his prevarications over the past few weeks bode ill.

His already shaky approach to withstanding Syria's demands for total withdrawal from the Golan - an area irretrievably linked to the security zone in Lebanon - has been further weakened hy Internal Security Minister Kahalani's suggestion that an international force" be allowed to run things up on the Heights. Has no one told Kahalani that

one useless force is already staooned there? Comments Saxton in his report,

entitled Approaching the New Circle of Arab-Israeli Fighting:
The Clinton administration continues to apply pressure on Jerusalem to make additional concessions to Mr. Arafat, while ignoring the concurrent developments in the Middle East. "Instead of pressuring the demo-

cratically-elected government of Israel to deviate from the policies it was elected for, the US should concentrate on helping Israel meet

the growing threat of war."
Messrs. Netanyahu and Clinton: Are you there?

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israel Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

JEREMY MAISSEL

eading about Natan Sharansky's recent trip to Russia took me back 20 years, to the height of our struggle to help refuseniks and free Prisoners of Zion in what was then the USSR. As I experienced vicariously

the minister's emotional return to the scene of his long incarceration, Lefortovo Prison, that name came back to me like an old

At that time, we - students, pupils, housewives and others, all fighters for the cause - were disrupting Russian ventures in Britain on a regular basis.

Tacks were thrown onto the stage when the Bolshoi Ballet performed, and Soviet theater troupes (and Aeroflot offices) carried chain-cotters as standard equipment for freeing demonstrators who had fastened themselves to doors or railings to prolong their protest.

Russian security guards were never allowed to sit back and enjoy a show. They were con-stantly called opon to eject Jewish activists - who would stand op, one by one, every five minutes to shout protests in a precisely-coordinated action designed to interfere with the proceedings and keep the oppression of Soviet Jews constantly in the public mind.

This intense and ongoing activity had its element of grim bumor. The protest habit became so ingrained in us that whenever we attended a cultural event of any kind, no matter who the organizers were, we found ourselves having to clamp down heavily on the irresistible desire to jump up at some strategic point in the pro-gram and shoot "Free Sharansky!" at the tops of our

In 1984, Moscow's mayor cot short his trip to Britain because of the demonstrations he faced every time he set foot outside a build-

Agitators were on band to bid him farewell at London's Eustoo Station, and activists made sure they were there to greet him

Prisoners of Zion gave their all. Now we must do our bit

when his train rolled into Liverpool.

Historian Martin Gilbert's book on Soviet Jewry, The Jews of Hope, came out around that time, to general acclaim. Gilbert's account of these Jews' heroism was extra inspiration.

BEFORE the Knesset is a draft bill, approved in its first reading in the House's previous session, which proposes granting a regulated state pension to former Prisoners of Zion and other former activists. The Treasury and the Labor and

Social Affairs Ministry are opposing the bill on budgetary grounds. Distressing reports have appeared in the press about very many former activists, including Ida Nudel, Vladimir Slepak and Yosef Begun. The reports describe them and former Prisoners of Zion from Iraq, Ethiopia, Romania, and North Africa as barely getting by on mea-ger publicly-funded allowances.

Many of these people spent years in prison unable to save any money, and many arrived here too old to begin working. These heroes of oor nation

hraved imprisonment and other hardships. They speot their lives standing up for what they believed in. Many are too prood to put out their hands for Why should they? The financial hurdeo the proposed pensions represent would be a small item

in the state's budget, yet it would make a huge difference where it matters. The majority of these people are elderly. Of about 2,000 Prisoners of Zion from the former USSR, some 600 have died in the

past two years. So even on a cold economic basis, the expense will not be a long-term one. It has been suggested that Yisrael Ba'aliya be left to campaign on these people's behalf. This is shabby.

This issue isn't sectoral. We're talking about the whole nation's

champions.

Officialdom, instead of obstructing things, should be leading a campaign to find the resources to pay these pensions. Enabling them to live out their lives in dignity is surely the smallest sign of gratitude we can show them. Let's act now, before some Russian newspaper runs a headline saying, "Zionists starve Russian prison-

The writer, a religious educator. is a member of Kibbutz Alumim.

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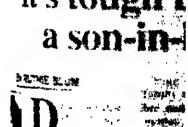
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Jews and Catholics: Not much more to say

Has the dialogue reached an impasse? Haim Shapiro reports

ews have good reason to be satisfied with the results of their dialogue J with the Roman Catholic Church; the Church has undergone a virtual revolution, expunging anti-lewish elements from its prayers and textbooks, fighting antisemitism, and perhaps above all, extending full recognition to

And yet it appears that in spite of these achievements, or perhaps because of them, the dialogue between Jews and Catholics seems to be under some strain. Could it be that now that Jews have what they want, they are no longer imerested in talking to Catholics? At a public symposiom in Jerusalem this week on The Puture of Jewish-Catholic Relations in the World and in Israel, Rabbi David Rosen of the Anti-Defamation League spoke of a "creeping paralysis" of UCIC, the International Jewish Committee for

Interreligions Consultations, a body specifically set up to represent Jews in talks with the Roman Catholic Church.

. Rosen admitted that the justification. for such talks has often been to fight antisemitism and galvanize the Church into reforming its doctrine.

In simple terms, this can perhaps be best illustrated by an experience of mine while attending an interfaith gathering in Europe a few years ago. One of the participants was a haredi rabbi complete with a black bat, coat and beard, a far cry from the liberal clergy and secular lay people who usually make up most of the Jewish cootingent at such gatherings.

When I asked him why he was taking part, be expressed himself in terms of pure self-preservation.

They are looking for their Jewish roots, and we want them not to kill us,"

While the Jewish participants in the dialogue with the Church were not concerned with averting an imminent. pogrom, they were anxious to follow np the revolution in the way the Church looked at the Jewish people, which

came in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. Sister Maureena Fritz, president and founder of the Bat Kol Institute in Jerusalem, which is devoted to teaching Christians about Indaism, distributed a questionnaire given to Catholics to determine whether their textbooks were in keeping with the oew

"Is the Hebrew Bible and the Jewish tradition founded npon it compared with the New Testament in such a way that both traditions are seen to be founded on both love and justice, or in a false way that sees the Hebrew Bible as forming a religion of justice, fear and legalism in contrast to a New Testament stress on God's love?" reads one ques-

"Do texts treating Church history honestly admit to Christian mistreatment of Jews in various periods of history?" reads another.

"In terms of the doctrine, there is little more that needs to be said," Rosen

JUST AS important for Jews is the issue of Catholic recognition of Israel. Although Catholic spokesmen were at pains to stress that there was no connection between the "religious" discussions between Jews and Catholics and the "political" issue of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Holy See, for the Jews it was of utmost religious importance.

As long as there were no diplomatic relations, Jews felt, the Church was ignoring what Rosen described as "the inextricable relationship between Jewish and identity and Israel," and worse still, appeared to be adhering to the teaching that the Jews were being punished for deicide.

Cardinal Edward Cassidy, head of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, while reiterating the distinction between "religious" and "diplomatic," admitted that with the signing of the Fundamental Accord between the Holy See and the State of Israel, a new stage had been reached in



Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau with Vatican representative Cardinal Edward Cassidy.

Catholic-Jewish relations.

Reviewing the achievements of the past, he ooted that these achievements had put into question the need for further high-level meetings and action. What remained, he appeared to say, was action and edocatioo on a local level so that religious leaders and their communities would actually know what bad been achieved.

At the same time, Cassidy expressed the frustration of the Catholics who see the Orthodox rabbinate as their natural partners in dialogue, while those who engage in such talks on the Jewish side are most often Conservative or Reform rabbis or leaders of Jewish communal organizations.

"The question that arises for many of us concerns the fact that often the representatives on one side of the dialogue are clergy and theologians, while those oo the other side are often lay representatives of their community organizations. Yet, the questions dealt with in our dialogue have a religious signifi-

cance and... we are meeting as communities of faith," Cassidy said.

The problem was faced by Rosen, himself an Orthodox rabbi, who noted the demise of the Synagogue Council of America, a part of UCIC, following the withdrawal of the Orthodox. Reservations by American Orthodox rabbis toward such participation had come. Rosen said, following an article by the late Rabbi J.B. Soloveichik, spiritual head of Yeshiva University, expressing doubts about theological dialogue, while encouraging coopera-tion with non-Jews on civil, social and ethical issues.

In fact, Rosen pointed out, Soloveichik himself had participated in many theological meetings. The article, Rosen suggested, was intended to encourage more narrow-minded rabbis with which they could live. In any case, Roseo added, Orthodox rabbis in Israel and Europe make no such distinction.

and Christians as either desirable or As Rosen pointed out, even the high-

est levels of the official rabbinate in Israel are willing to participate in interfaith gatherings, albeit usually far from Israel and from the criticism of their haredi colleagues. (In fact, Haifa Chief Rabbi She'ar Yashuv Cohen atteoded the opening session of the symposium and gave his blessing to the gathering.)
However, if the participation of Orthodox Jewish clergy in Israel is prob-

lematic, so is that of the higher ranks of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. In a rare appearance at such a gathering, Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah noted that dialogue is a Western reality. Even in this country, it is mostly between Westernized Jews and expatriate Christians.

In order to talk to local Christians, by suggesting a series of boundaries Sabbah said, it was necessary to relate to them as Palestinians.

"Christians are not only a separated religious community. As any Christian They view close relations between Jews in the world, they belong to a people

and nation; any attempt to separate them or eradicate them from their people will only harm them," he said. Noting what he called the Palestinian suffering under the yoke of oppression created by the policies of the govern-ment of Israel, Sabbah suggested that just as Western Christians had had to repent for the treatment of Jews. so Jews would have to repent for their treatment of the Palestinians.

Partially echoing Sabbah, Dr. Daniel Rossing, a Jewish educator, called for Jews to appreciate the history, situation and sensiovities of local Christians, just as Christians abroad had had to understand the special sensitivities of the Jewisb minority.

"We must recognize that the Christian community wages a daily struggle for survival, relating to Moslems, Jews, Western Christians [and others and that they] face a six-dimensional chess game in which a move in one direction can mean defeat in another," Rossing

DEAR RUTHIE

It's tough being a son-in-law

BY RUTHE BLUM



in-law died three years ago. Since then, my mother-in-law comes to visit us in Israel several times a year. Each

time she comes, she stays for a few weeks and totally disrupts our lives. My wife and I have three children who are always very happy when their grandmother stays with us. The problem is my wife. She and

her mother have a very complicated relationship. They are always at each other's throats but are also very close in a strange way. During these visits I atways endup caught in the middle inevitably being blamed for every-

My wife gets annoyed with me for not helping out enough; my mother-in-law gets annoyed at me for dominating her daughter's time. And then, after the visit is over, it takes us at least another DNO weeks to resume normal life

I have had it with this rollercoaster, to the point where I've even told my wife that I don't want her mother staying with us any

My wife then feels hurt and says that I am inconsiderate. I don't know what to do about this any more.

Seething Son-in-Law Somewhere in Israel Dear Seething S-i-L.

Everyone, to some extent, regresses to childhood behavior when around their parents. Your wife is no exception. The difference is that most adults do not spend chunks of intense periods of time fiving in the same house with their parears after a certain age.

By living in your home several times a year for weeks at a time, your mother-in-law is entering your lives and altering the balance you and your wife apparently manage to achieve when she is not

Your wife reverts to patterns of family dynamics more relevant to her past than to her present. Her mother, too, plays out her role in the "expected" scenario. You, year 2000 when the city celethen, are caught in the cross-fire, and feel victimized in your own house - as a result of your hospitality to your widowed mother-in-

Keep in mind that it is easy to slip into unhealthy family dynamics, such that the transformation from "victim" to "participant" often occurs gradually and uncon-

Ask yourself whether you have begun to get swept up in an undesirable triangle.

If oot, the best way to remain outside of the "sparring ring" is to make it clear to your wife (during the weeks when your lives resume normalcy) that you will be stepping aside when your mother-inlaw is around, even if this means helping out around the house less than you normally do.

If, on the other hand, you find yourself acting out a little role of your own when these extended visits take place, you may have to make a concerted effort to break

If done successfully, you will no longer need to oust your wife's mother from the premises - as you have threateoed - in order to regain your home.

Dear Ruthie, What is an appropriate (and not too expensive) gift for a colleague who just had a baby? I don't have any children myself, and I'm terri-ble at selecting gifts of any kind. Guileless Gift Giver

Jerusalem Dear GGG, A photo album or picture frame; a gift certificate for a baby shop; bottles hand-painted with the baby's name; a book on child rearing. Mobiles, rattles and teething rings are all good.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@jpost. co.il

What was it really like in ancient Rome?

ow do you convey to a brates its past two millennia.

modern world what life At a recent seminar, exp modern world what life was like in ancient Rome, what it felt like to walk its streets, reside in its palaces and barter in its marketplaces?

A book? A movie? A seminar? Some of the biggest brains io archeology, architecture, history and the classics have something else in mind: virtual-reality models to be ready in time for the

idea of pooling resources for the

expensive, time-consuming pro-All the proposals aim at letting people - be they computer users sitting in their living rooms or tourists kicking op dust in the city's Imperial Forums - experi-

from Italy, the United States and

the Vatican tossed around the

revealed by decades of academic At a recent seminar, experts research.

The projects "will allow a common person to walk through the minds of outstanding historians," said Kumar Patel, vice chancellor for research at the University of California, Los Angeles.

An important side beoefit for cash-strapped Italy, which has been unable to properly care for its historic monuments, would be ence the world of the ancieots as a new way for the curious to

learn about the past without creating wear and tear. Virtual-reality models have "an important use for cooservation. That's the great value of this," said Francesco Antinucci, of Italy's state-funded

CNR research center.

Making the big push for international cooperation on the projects is UCLA, which dubbed its virtual-reality brainchild "Rome Reborn."

The Getty Museum in Malibu.

California, commissioned UCLA to create a virtual-reality model of Trajan's Forum, which the university plans to complete by the year's end. in time for the inauguration of the museum's

new Brentwood Center.

But the university has its own, more ambitious plans: reconstructing all of Rome within the city's ancient walls. Or at least a virtual version of

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BUSINESS

in brief

No spin-off of Hapcalim holdings before sale

Bank Hapoalim will not be forced to spin off its holdings in both Koor and Clal prior to its impending sale, Finance Minister Dan Meridor said yesterday, following a meeting on the matter with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Meridor added, however, that the recently amended Banking Law compels Hapoalim to shed its holdings in either of the two, and that the government's main concern right now is to sell a controlling share in Israel's largest bank. Jerusalem Post Staff

Scitex owners deny renewed Gilo bid

Scitex's major shareholders, Discount Investments and International Paper, denied reports that US entrepreneur Davidi Gilo had renewed efforts to purchase Scitex, senior officials at Discount Investments and International Paper said yesterday. On Wednesday, Ha' aretz reported that Gilo had renewed talks with Scitex's major shareholders in an attempt to take over the Herzliya-based maker of computerized printing equipment.

"No formal offer [by Gilo] was ever made." said Molly Sullivan, spokeswoman for the New York-based International Paper, which holds 13.3% of Scitex's shares and has an agreement with Clal Israel and Discount Investments that prevents the company from selling its shares without mutual consent. Gilo first expressed interest in acquiring Scitex in April 1996, when he attempted a hostile takeover of Scitex.

Scitex is expected to release it much-awaited fourth quarter

Defense producers to exhibit In Australia

The Defense Ministry has organized a pavilion for a defense exhibition in Melbourne, the first such time Israeli contractors will be brought to such an event in Oceania. The ministry's SIBAT, the Foreign Defense Assistance and Defense Export Organization, is bringing leading contractors to the Down Under Exhibition, which focuses on avionics and space and is to be held from February 18-23.

Elscint and GE form 50/50 joint venture

Elscint Ltd. of Haifa and GE Medical Systems, a \$4 billion subsidiary of General Electric Company, announced yesterday a 50/50 joint venture to engineer and manufacture nuclear medicine products. Under the terms of the deal, the joint venture company will operate in Haifa, and GEMS and Elscint will senarately market and service the jointly developed nuclear medicine products under the brand name of each partner. Nuclear medicine technology, such as X-ray, mammography, magnetic resonance, ultrasound and nuclear medicine imaging devices, are used in the detection of diseases, as well as other abnormalities in veins, tissues and organs, Jennifer Friedlin

Committee to explore telecom competition

Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Finance Minister Dan Meridor yesterday announced the appointment of an implementation team to recommend and detail ways of opening telecommunications to competition. The team, to be headed by Communications Ministry director-general Daniel Rosenne and include various senior officials from both ministries, will present its report to the ministers by July 1.

The government decided at the beginning of the year to adopt the recommendations of the Waxe-Brodet-Leon Committee on increasing competition in the telecommunications sector. The committee members will be entitled to consult with representatives of other relevant ministries, outside experts and vested interests in the telecommunications field, as well as Bezeq union lead-

Fourth quarter investments down 23%

GDP growth slows to 3% from 6% over previous six years

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The gross domestic product's growth rate slowed over the last quarter of 1996 to an annual pace of three percent from a 6%-7% rate over each of the previous six years, and investments in the local economy planged 23% after rising 31% during the previous quar-ter, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Analysts relate the sharp decline in investments to the economy's general slowdown, which some experts and industrialists attribute to the central bank's relatively high interest rates and arguably low exchange rate.

Earlier this week, Finance

economy was not facing a reces-

Though it is experiencing a slowdown, "many Western countries would be happy to have our growth rates," he said.

The quarterly survey, which is based on preliminary data, also indicates that the annual growth rate of private consumption expenditures has slowed to 2% during the last three months of last year, after rising 5% during the previous three months.

Per-capita expenditures for the purchase of durable goods - i.e. cars, furniture, household appliances etc. - plunged during the

Minister Dan Meridor told the last quarter of 1996 by 38% in year. Knesset Finance Committee the comparison with the previous Ex three months.

Factories' investments in machinery and equipment shrank by 21% on an annualized basis, while their investments in means of transportation sank 51%.

In the real-estate sector, investments in huildings and construcnon works declined an annualized 10%, while investments in residential housing rose, during the fourth quarter, by an annualized

Imports of goods and services dwindled over the last quarter by 14.6% from the corresponding period in 1995, after having rises 28.2% during the third quarter last

Exports of goods and services declined 0.6% during the fourth quarter, after expanding by 19.4%

during the previous quarter.

Meanwhile, the Labor and Welfare Ministry reported that the number of job seekers remained

unchanged in January.

During the first month of the year, 136,000 people sought work through the government's employment bureaus, but after reasonal adjustments the real fig. seasonal adjustments the real figure is considered to 129,000, much the same as December's, the ministry said.

Israel's 6.5% unemployment

rate in among the lowest in the developed world.

Koor, Sheraton set up regional hotel chain

BY HAIM SHAPIRO and Jerusalem Post Staff

Koor and ITT Sheraton signed an agreement in Tel Aviv yesterday to establish Sheraton Israel, a joint company that will manage hotels in Israel, the Palestinian

Authority and Jordan.
The agreement - signed by ITT
Sheraton Europe President
Robert Cotter, Koor
President and CEO Benjamin Gaon, and Koor Tourism Enterprises general manager Gil Leidner – provides for a 51 percent share in Sheraton Israel for Sheraton IIT and a 49% share for Koor.

Cotter, who noted that Gaon had already held talks with PA head Yasser Arafat on establishing a tourist infrastructure in the PA, added that both partners in the new company were looking to find Palestinian partners to build hotels in such locations as Gaza and Bethlehem.

It would he said, be one of the first focal points of the joint ven-

Cotter added that although he was not sure what role the Palestinian partner would take, the company would not go into such a venture without such a partner.

The same, be added, was true for Jordan, where Sheraton Israel is also to operate.

Leidner said that with the implementation of the transaction and completion of the hotels constructed by Koor, the company will operate about 2,100 rooms in the deluxe and recreation classes throughout the

According to the agreement, Sheraton Israel is to manage four hotels from the former Paradise chain - in Jerusalem, Tiberias. Eilat and the Dead Sea - under. the brand name Four Points Hotels, a Sheraton group of moderately priced botels.

Sheraton Israel is also to manage the Herod's Hotel in Eilar, which is due to be completed in 1998.

According to the company, when completed, it will be the most luxurious hotel in the Red

ITT Sheraton and the owners of the Sheraton Plaza Jerusalem Hotel are negotiating to transfer the management of the hotel to

Sheraton Israel. All the botels under the management of Sberaton Israel are to become part of the ITT Sheraton network from the beginning of

next year. However, they are to be immediately linked to the ITT Sheraton worldwide reservations network and sales centers around the world.

Meanwhile, ITT Sheraton yesterday rejected Hilton Hotels' \$10.5 billion hostile takeover bid as too low.



Israel, PA ink debt arrangement

Finance Minister Dan Meridor (left) and Palestinian Authority Minister of Planning Nabil Shaath (right) sign a debt-settlement deal yesterday by which Israel will transfer NIS 65 million to the PA in lieu of accumulated tax returns and an additional NIS 40m. for various other debts. The PA, for its part, will pay an estimated NIS 75m. in lieu of unpaid debts to Bezeq, Mekorot, the Electric Corporation and others. (Text: Itim: Photo: Brian Hendler)

Central bank: Union, Leumi charge highest commissions

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Bank Leumi and Union Bank are the most expensive for maintaining a current account, while Bank Hapoalim is the cheapest, according to a survey conducted by the Bank of Israel.

A central bank spokesman said yesterday the bank stands behind its survey, despite claims by some of the banks that the data released is inaccurate.

Bank Leumi and Union Bank said the data is not a true com-

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The central bank published a table comparing the seven largest hanks in terms of monthly cost of maintaining a private current

substantial differences of up to 33 percent in fees for performing the same service.

fees for a private account in which there are 20 transactions. The chart gives data on wage earners with NIS 3,000 in overdraft credit who use an average 50% of their allocated credit per

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who use an average of 150% of their allocated credit. The chart also lists bank fees for wage earners with NIS 7,500 account

The data reveals that there are in overdraft credit using an average 50% of their allocated credit and similar wage earners using an average 150% of their allocat-The table compares monthly ed credit.

According to the chart, the average monthly cost of maintaining an account at Union Bank is NIS 61.35 for wage earners with NIS 3,000 in overdraft and using an average 50% of their

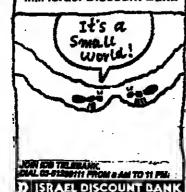
allocated credit. In comparison, at Bank Leumi DON'T BE LEFT OUT! the average cost is NIS 44.73, at United Mizrahi Bank NIS 42.60, If you don't have e-mail at First International NIS 42.10. or even a computer you can still advertise! at Mercantile Discount the cost is NIS 42.03, at Bank Discount it is NIS 41.90 and at Bank Hapoalim INTERNET POST CLASSIFIEDS
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NIS 39.35. Union Bank said the results reflect a very narrow category of customers, emphasizing that most of their clients are businessmen and wage earners with much higher monthly incomes.

sector than that examined by the central bank," a Union Bank

The published data does not reflect the real cost of the bank fees, which is much cheaper." Bank Leumi said the central

invest in the world's major exchanges with Israel Discount Bank



month and similar wage earners bank's data concerning the prime rate is not accurate, explaining it makes it appear that the average customer pays maximum interest fees of prime plus 6%.

According to Leumi, the major-

ity of customers pay the lower rate, which is only prime plus Leumi also crincized the Bank

of Israel for not taking into consideration the fact that, unlike other banks, it does not charge commission fees on standing

Customers are usually charged the higher rates unless they negotiate with the branch manager, a Bank of Israel spokesman said, adding that Bank Leumi signed a document confirming that the rates used for the comparison are

"We took the same kind of fees from all of the banks," the spokesman said.

Last year, Bank Leumi decided to freeze commission fees almost immediately after the central bank published a similar comparison chart, which also showed it Our bank serves a different had expensive fees. In reaction to Leumi, Bank Hapoalim also froze its fees at that time.

Other findings of the chart show that Bank Discount and Mercantile Discount charge the lowest management and information fees for monthly wage earners of up to NIS 10,000.

The cost of management and information services at Bank Leumi for accounts with up to NIS 6.000 in allocated monthly overdraft credit is relatively expensive.

This is due to fixed management fees of NIS 6.9 and NIS 2 in credit allocation fees.

ECI, Belgacom in \$30m. deal People's Republic of China, has

expressed interest in visiting ECI

during an apcoming visit to Israel.

announced its fourth quarter and

annual results. Revenues for the

fourth quarter increased 36% to

\$166.66m_ from \$122.54m_ for the

same period one year ago.

Earlier this week, ECI

Belgacom, Belgium's leading telecommunications operator, has selected ECI Telecom Ltd. to be its sole supplier of access-network pair-gain solutions, which expand the capacity of existing telecom-munications services, an ECI representative said yesterday.

Uader the terms of the agree-ment, the Petah Tikvah-based company will deliver its access products over the next three years. nerating sales that could exceed \$30 million. We've opened up a very nice

market, and as Belgacom's sole supplier we are in a good posi-tion," said Michael Shalit, ECI's vice president of husiness development, commenting on the sale. The systems ECI will deliver to Belgacom will be supported by management controls and incor-

porate a special copper wire line

testing feature. Meanwhile, ECI also announced yesterday that it received a \$6.8m. cantract to supply its subscriber systems to Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad, Costa Rica's state body for electricity and telecom-

ECI designs digital telecommunications and data transmission systems for telecommunications providers. The company is British Telecom's sole supplier of HDSL equipment, which increases the number of users that can be served through a pair of existing copperwire telephone lines, and supplies 60% of Deutsche Telekom's highspeed optical transmission equipment, which connects trunk lines between major German cities.

Shalit said ECI is currently focusing on increasing business in the Far East. The company has been developing a distribution network in Southeast Asia and is now "looking forward to reaping the benefits," Shalit said.

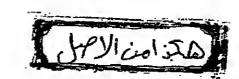
Last year, ECI did \$100m. worth of business in the Philippines, and the company is currently working on a \$65m. deal with China's telecommunications operator Ji Tong. Shalit said that Li Langing, vice president of the council of the

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11,9.96) Currency (deposit for:) U.S. dollar (\$250,000) Pound sterling (£100,000) German mark (DM 200,000) Swise franc (SF 200,000) Yen (10 million yen) 3 MONTHS 5.375 4.250 2.125 1.000 Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (12.2.97) **CHECKS AND** TRANSFERS BANKNOTES Japanese yen (100) Dutch florin Ducin from Swies franc Swedish krone Norwegian krone Plimish mark Canadian dollar Australian dollar S. African rand Balden franc (10) Belgten franc (10) Austrian schilling (Italien ilre (1000) *These rates vary according to bank. SOURCE: BANK LEUM!

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Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., which together account for more than 16.5 percent of the Maof Index, also declined.

Investors are awaiting the consumer price index report tomorrow for clues to the central bank's interest rate policy.

Shachar Gazit, analyst at Batucha Securities and Investments Ltd., said investors weren't concerned by a government report showing that the rise in fourth-quarter output of goods and services in Israel slowed to a 3% annual rate.

Gross domestic product rose at an annual rate of more than 6% from 1990 to 1995.

There's a good possibility interest rates will be cut, if not this month, then soon," Gazit said. How long can you keep rates high with the economy slowing?"

The Mishtanim index of 100 most-traded shares fell 0.97% to

254.81, while the Maof index of 25 top issues dropped 1.27% to 262.41.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 134 million of shares traded, 29% less than the! month's daily average of NIS -187.5m. and 21% greater than the year's average of NIS 162.8m.

Koor was the most-active issue, falling 1.5% as more than NIS 7.3m. of shares traded.

The chemicals companies dropped even as the shekel weakened to 3.342 against the US dollar from 3.331 yesterday.

A weaker shekel helps the chemicals companies and other exporters by making their products cheaper for overseas buyers.

And these companies pay costs and salaries in weaker local currency and earn revenue in stronger

(Bloomberg)

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

Dollar boosts French shares higher

PARIS (Reuter) - French shares ended higher yesterday, but just below the key 2,600 level, as continued dollar strength supported the market, traders said.

Banking and financial stocks led the risers, with the market continuing to see robust volumes.

The blue-chip CAC-40 index closed up 17.24 points or 0.67 percent at 2,599.33.

The CAC-40 futures contract was up at 2,605 from 2,591 on Tuesday's close.

Volume was nine billion francs. The market came off its highs following Bundesbank comments that the dollar correction was over, but despite that verbal intervention, sentiment on the US currency remained buoyant and French stocks stayed bullish.

WALL STREET REPORT

Dow shoots up, hits record close

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow Jones industrial average shot toward 7,000 yesterday as the stock market rallied into the close. A strong earnings report from a key technology concern helped stem the recent profit-taking in that sector

On Wall Street, the Dow rose 103.52 points to close at 6,961.63, blowing past its previous best close by nearly 78 points and moving within 40 points of the 7,000-mark less than four months after the blue-chip barometer's first close above 6,000.

decliners by a 7-to-3 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. with 1,800 up, 777 down and 772

unchanged. NYSE volume totaled 563.55 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 480.61 million in the previous ses-

The Nasdaq composite index

rose 27.45. or about 2 percent, to 1,358.96, but remains about 30

points sby of a new high. The American Stock Exchange composite index rose 3.86 to

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England loses World Cup qualifier

LONDON (Reuter) - Italy became the first team ever to beat England at home in a World Cup qualifier when a 19th-minute goal from Gianfranco Zola gave them a 1-0 victory at Wembley Stadium yesterday. Zola, who plays for London club Chelsea, slammed the ball past England goalkeeper Ian Walker after a long raking pass from Alessandro Costacurta eluded defenders Stuart Pearce and Sol Campbell, allowing Zola the space to control the ball and fire it home at the near post.

The result ended England's 100 percent start in its Group 2 qualifying campaign, leaving the team with nine points from four matches, but Italy has maintained its perfect start with its third straight win.

The match started brightly for England, which had played 28 home qualifiers since the early 1950s without defeat, but Italy gradually took control through Alessandro Costacurta and Demetrio Albertini who dictated much of their play.

England played with plenty of spirit and determination, going close to scoring through Matt Le Tissier, Graeme Le Saux and Paul Ince in the closing stages, but it could do nothing in the end to break down a

Kings buried in Avalanche of shots

McInnis took a pass from Derek

King io the right circle and beat

goalie Damian Rhodes to the far

corner from 15 feet for his 16th

the Islanders, who are winless in

six of their last seven games (1-5-

1). Bryan Smolinski and Bryan

Berard also scored for New York.

Ottawa. Daniel Alfredsson, Jason

York and Alexandre Daigle also

scored for the Senators, unbeaten

Flames 5, Bruins 1

lead the host Calgary Flames to

their third straight win over the

Jonas Hoglund, Dave Gagner,

and Ronnie Stern each had a goal

and an assist for the Flames,

whose winning streak is a season-

Kidd, making his ninth straight

start, was especially sharp in the

second period while making 13

saves. He stopped Ray Bourque's

slap shot from the top of the face-

off circle with a dazzling glove

Trevor Kidd made 31 saves to

in four of their last five (3-1-1).

Alexei Yashin scored twice for

Travis Green scored twice for

goal of the season.

Bostoo Bruins.

had 31 saves and Adam Deadmarsh scored his 23rd goal, leading the Colorado Avalanche to a 3-1 win over the undermanned Los Angeles Kings.

Mike Ricci and Valeri Kamensky each scored a goal for Colorado during Tuesday night's game, and Roy limited Los Angeles to only a shorthanded goal in the first period,

The Kings, 2-8-1 since the All-Star break, played without leading scorer Dimitri Khristich, top defenseman Rob Blake and left winger Matt Johnson. Khristich was out with an injury to his right eye while Blake and Johnson were serving suspensions.

Los Angeles goalie Stepbane Fiset faced 51 shots, his most since stopping 46 against Chicago on February 14, 1991, while with Quebec.

The Avalanche set a club record with 29 shots on goal in the first period, It was also the most shots ever taken agaiost the Kings in

Islanders 5, Senators 5 Marty McInnis scored with 1:49

left in the third period to lift host save. EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Pittsburgh Montreal Hartford Ottawa Boston TUESDAY'S RESULTS: Ottawa 5, N.Y. Islanders 5; Colorado 3, Los Angeles 1; Calgary 5, Boston 1; Washington 5, Vancouver 2.



SHEER POWER - England's Alan Shearer bursts past Italy's Fabio Cannavaro during their World Cup qualifying match. (AP)

Friendlier Rodman returns to the court

bebind me, don't say nothing

about me at all," said Rodman,

who is donating his salary from

his first 11 games back to charity.

"My goal is just to win a champi-

onship. I guess if I do that, people

are going to love me again. If I do

something wrong, people are going to hate me."

for his father, Philander, who

watched the game after having not

The elder Rodman was flown to

Chicago from the Philippines by a

tabloid television show in exchange for exclusive interviews.

He sat in the lower section behind

the basket, often signing auto-

comes to see one of his kids, and

only one of his kids has money,"

said Rodman, supposedly only one of his father's 27 offspring.

"My reaction to my dad is he

graphs for curious fans.

seen Dennis for three decades.

Rodman also had harsh words

Rodman ran into a cameraman again - and responded with a smile and a tap instead of a kick. He also avoided a confrontation with a former head-butt victim.

He battled Anthony Mason, grabbed 14 rebounds and helped the Chicago Bulls beat the Charlotte Hornets 103-100 Tuesday night, a victory that was delivered by Michael Jordan's 3pointer at the huzzer.

As be walked off the court, Jordan hogged Rodman and said, "Welcome hack." Rodman's return from an 11-game suspension - imposed by the NBA for kicking a cameraman Minnesota on January 15 - couldo't have been much better.

"He kept his composure," said Jordan, who scored 43 points, in the Bulls' 15th consecutive home victory. "He did just the opposite of what he did last time. He learned his lesson."

With 5:59 to play, Rodman fouled Mason and stumbled out of bounds, where he tripped over cameraman Tommy Skinner of local television station WGN. Rodman smiled, patted Skinner playfully on the chest and apolo-

"I just said, 'Are you all right? Are you all right? Please tell me you're all right!'" Rodman said. "Are you happy, David Stern?"

Stern, the NBA commissioner,

gave Rodman the second-longest

his January kicking of cameraman about \$1 million in salary as well as \$200,000 for an out-of-court settlement with Amos. "I wasn't thinking about any

suspension in league history for

money," Skinner said. "I was just trying to brace myself." Said Rodman, who often dresses in women's clothes: "It would have been a classic if I kissed him, but he probably would have sued

me for slobbering all over him." Midway through the third quarter, Rodman was upset at a noncall by Ted Bernhardt - the referee Rodman head-butted to draw a six-game suspension last season. But there was oo confrontation this time; Rodman already was walking away when coach Phil Jackson took him out of the game

Jordan and Chicago's other star, Sconie Pippen, have been very critical of Rodman because they don't want his antics to keep the

That's all he's looking for. He's EASTERN CONFERENCE TUESDAY'S RESULTS: 12 14 21 26 33 New York 97, Washington 92 New Jersey 104, Orlando 98 Cleveland 105, Philadelphia 94 Miami 104. Detroit 91 33 12 35 11 36 Central Division 43 6 8 34 13 .72. 31 15 .674 29 20 .592 26 22 .542 3 23 .50 Milwaukee 101, Toronto 96 San Antonio 111, Dalias 97 Houston 106, Vancouver 97 Portland 111, Phoenix 108 Scattle 108, Denver 81 L.A. Clippers 116, Boston 112 Utah 120, Sacramento 98

Bulls from repeating as NBA looking to claim fame."

Champions.

"If you doo't want to stick A new head coach couldn't prevent bost Washington from the same old result against New York, whose victory ruined Bernie Bickerstaff's debut.

Patrick Ewing and John Starks scored 18 points each for the Knicks, who swept the four-game season series by beating the host Bullets for the 20th time in 21 games since November 13, 1992. Heat 104, Pistons 91

Tim Hardaway scored 31 points and the Miami Heat shot 53 percent to win in the first matchup this season between two of the NBA's most improved teams.

Alonzo Mourning added 29 points for the Heat, who during Diesday night's game became only the third team to score 100 points against Detroit Miami has topped 100 five times while winning seven in a row, the league's longest current victory streak.



Belle admits to gambling

CLEVELAND (AP) Controversial American Major League Baseball star outfielder Albert Belle says he recently lost as much as \$40,000 gambling on pro gridiron and college basketball games, a lawyer who questioned the baseball star said yes-

Belle, who joined the Chicago White Sox from the Cleveland ment under oath Tuesday while answering questions for a deposition regarding his confronta-tion with Halloween pranksters, attorney Richard Lillie said.

Liftie said he pursued gambling questions about Belle to attack the player's credibility. In six years with the Indians, Belle was suspended five times and received the largest fine in MLB history - \$50,000 for berating a television reporter at the 1995

World Series.
In New York, MLB spokesman
Rich Levin said officials had just
heard of the Belle deposition. "There's a rule on the books about betting on baseball," Levin said. "It is the only rule on the books." MLB regulations prohibit a player from betting on Major League Baseball games and have always frowned upon "consorting with known gamblers." A violation could mean suspension for one year or for life if a bet concerns the

player's own team. In 1991, Philadelphia outfield-er Lenny Dykstra was placed on probation for one year by then-commissioner Fay Vincent after testifying about taking part in

high-stakes poker games.
Ron Schneler, senior vice president of baseball operations for the White Sox, declined comment yesterday from the team's pre-season spring training head-quarters in Sarasota, Florida. We do not have any informa-

tion at this time, so we are not in a position to comment." Schueler said. Lillie said Belle also testified

he made wagers among friends on golf and that he has paid off his gambling debts with money

The Cleveland Plain Dealer said; Belle's lawyer, Jose: Feliciano, advised his client to not answer Lillie's questions about the money orders and about whether Belle ever gambled on baseball or placed bets with a book makers.

5 Israelis advance in Eilat tennis satellite

By HEATHER CHAIT

Five local tennis players are through to today's quarter-final rounds of the first leg of the fourweek Club Hotel Eilat satellite circuit in Beersheba.

Oren Motevassel, top seed and at No. 205, Israel's second highest ranked player, battled yesterday against qualifier Tobias Hildebrand, from Sweden. Motevassel woo 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.

Fourth seed Noam Behr beat Ofer Sela 6-4, 6-3 and is the next seed remaining in the event after Martiin Bok from the Netherlands and Nir Welgreen, second and third seeds respectively, were dis-

Yoni Erlich and Amir Hadad also won their second-round matches yesterday. Erlich beat wildcard entry Reed Cordish from the United States 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 and Hadad ousted France's Jean Noel

Grinda 6-3, 7-6(7/4).

Lior Dahan, another qualifier, beat Jurek Stasiak from Australia 6-4, 3-6, 7-6(9/7) in a prolonged

clash. The other players complementing the Israelis in the quarterfinals are Andres Zingman from Argentina, Andrew Ilie from Australia and Jean François Bachelot from France.

Today's matches begin at 11 am at the Israel Tennis Center in Beersheba.

Magnes, Frankel races held today

The 46th Magnes Race, the country's oldest race, and the Frankel Race, will be held today at the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University.

Postponed one week due to the helicopter tragedy, the two-kilometer Magnes Race will begin at 15:50 and the 5km Frankel Race will set off at 14:45. Heather Chait

Maccabi can't afford to underestimate Charleroi

The path is not easy, but the mission is clear enough.

If Maccabi wins its final two games io the Euro League final pool, the Israelis will finish second io Group E - and thus win home-court advantage in the Final 16 - oo matter what other clubs

Tonight's matchup with winless Charleroi should be the easy part of the task, and Maccabi could not be blamed for thinking ahead to its showdown with Olympiakos next week at Yad Eliahu. But common sense - if not his-

tory - should warn Maccabi about the dangers of overconfidence. The Belgians, at 0-14, are clearly an inferior club, but at home they have managed to give quite a scare

to several teams - including first-place Stefanel Milan, Cibona Zagreb and Olympiakos (whom they forced into overtime).

Twice this decade, Maccabi has suffered a huge upset hy a club that had no business defeating them. In the 1991-92 season, the Israelis strode into Italy only to fall to an 0-7 Phonoela Caserta, while the previous season the deed was done in England by lowly

Even so, it is hard to imagine the Charleroi that lost last mooth at Yad Eliahu to Maccabi 87-70 (and that score doesn't indicate the true extent of the rout) inflicting much

The Belgians had no apparent game plan other than to haphazardly chuck up three-pointers and hope for the best. Charleroi aver-

ages more than 20 shots a night from behind the arc, even though they connect on only a third of

Eric Claymans is the team's main threat from three-point range, averaging 43.1 percent but ooly 10.8 points a night. Charleroi's high scorer, forward Ron Ellis, scores only 13.0 points a game, while Polisb ceoter Adam Wojcik chips in a mere 12.5 points and 4.4 rebounds a contest.

Although Maccabi most likely does oot oeed either the injured Randy White nor Brad Leaf to contribute tonight, it would be oice to see them get into shape to practice for the game with Olympiakos oext week.

Eveo if Maccabi wins tonight, it can only clincb one of the four spots from Group E that advances

to the Final 16 this week if Alba Berlin beats visiting CSKA Moscow.

Assuming Maccabi wins tonight, it can still miss out oo the best-of-three Final 16 if it loses to Olympiakos oext week while CSKA wins its remaining two games (its last match is at bome to Charleroi) and Berlin defeats Stefanel Milan in Italy in its final

Tonight's game is scheduled to be broadcast live on Channel 1 starting at 8:45 pm.

Group E

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Alba Berlin	8	8	22
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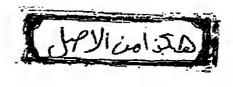
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MICHAEL AIZENSTADT Martin Andre leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in Haydn's 83rd symphony and Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks while American soprano Susan Roberts joins the program to sing Handel's motet Silete, Venti and Buch's cantata BWV 51. Tonight (g) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem. France's II Seminario Musicale hosts coun-

CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Jerusalem Post Thursday, February 13, 1997

1890

tertenor Gerard Lesne in a program of cantatas and arias by Charpentier, Lambert, De Buisson, Monteverdi, Vivaldi, Scarlatti and others as part of the Authentica early music series, tonight at the Noga Theatre in Jaffa and Saturday at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem (8:30).

JAZZ

HELEN KAYE

Chicago-born drummer Paul Wertico plays with Pat Metheny who says of him that "Paul can play in any style and still retain his own sound." That sound nods towards fusion. Here he'll play in a quintet with young saxophonist Nitzan Ein-Habar and Adi Renart on keyboards among others. Tonight at the Tel Aviv Museum at 9.

TELEVISION

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Dance lovers are in for a real treat tonight and tomorrow as Channel 8 presents four different dance events. The highlight is Heinz Sporeli's Midsummer Night Dreams, a captivating magical ballet based on the bard's play and danced to a combined score of Mendelssohn and Brahms. Sporeli and set designer Hans Schvernoch create a bewitching tapestry of pure movement and theatrical drama in this classical ballet in modern garb, which enjoys evocative lighting and an exquisite set and danced to perfection by the members of the Ballet der Deutschen Oper am Rhein (11:30 tonight, 7:30 p.m. tomorrow).

Earlier you can see a specially-oriented short version of Japanese dance company Sankai Jukn's newest opus Shijima, anticipating the company's local appearances with the full version of this ballet later this month (10 tonight, 6 p.m. tomorrow). Also on this dance evening is Jiri Kylian's Sarabande (tonight 00:30 and tomorrow 8 p.m.) and Carolyn Carlson's Who Took August (tonight 10:30 and tomorrow 6:30 p.m.).

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DANCE

HELEN KAYE

To celebrate 10 years of cooperation with the Netherlands Dance Theater (NDT), Batsheva Dance and Batsheva Ensemble present a salute to NDT artistic director, the choreographer Jiri Kylian. The program includes the Israeli premiere of No Sleep Till Dawn, a magical duet for two women that Kylian composed for the dancers of NDT3, the 40-plus ensemble. Kylian's Six Dances and two works by Ohad Naharin are also features. At Suzanne Dellal tomorrow at 10 p.m. and on Saturday at 9 p.m.

STUDENT THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Theater of the Absurd and Harold Pinter are synonymous. The Tel Aviv University Drama Department presents his The Lover, a delving into the fantasy world of an English stiff-upper-lip couple. Opens tonight at 8:30 and runs all month in

Room 207, Mexico Building.
Young English director David Bridel did two shows back to back - The Tower, Alexandre Dumas's gory melodrama set in 14th-century Paris runs tonight and Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and tomorrow at 3 p.m. in Shakov Hall; and the absorbing stage adaptation of Eliot's The Mill on the Floss, telling Maggie Tolliver's story, tonight in the Hangar at 8:30.

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22:00 Entre Nous

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CHANNEL (4) 11:30 Chacun Pour Toi (French, 1993)

13:20 The Eagle (1925) - romantic drama with Rudolph Valentino. A Cossack officer masquerades as a bandit in order to avenge his tather death (79 mins.) 14:40 Special report on Jane Eyre 14:55 Good Time

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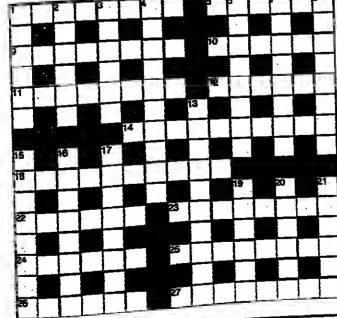
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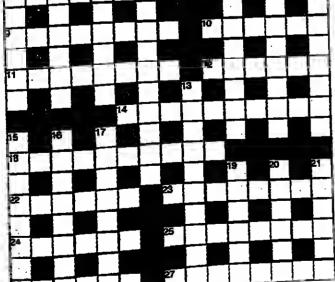
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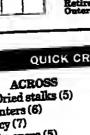
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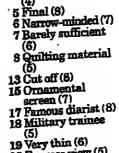
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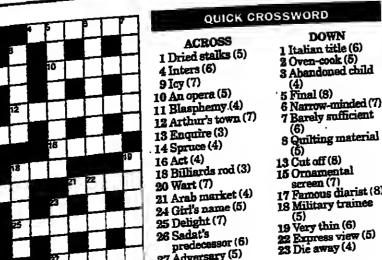






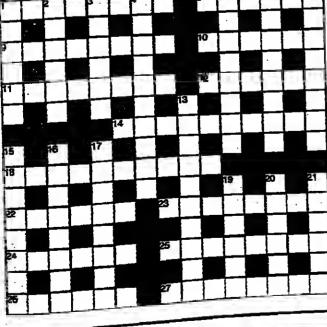
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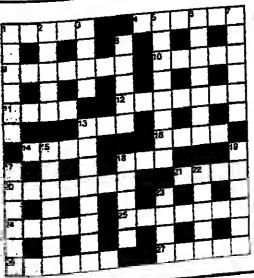


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Following a television report documenting a case in which a couple paid thousands of dollars for a quickie conversion to Judaism, the Tel Aviv Magistrale's Court yesterday remanded two religious functionaries for eight days each.

The incident, filmed by a hidden camera and shown on Ilana Dayan's Fact program on Channel 2 on Tuesday night, showed Rabbi Michael Dushinsky, the kashrut supervisor in the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, taking \$15,000 in cash from a Jerusalem reporter and a kibbutz volunteer from Peru, who posed as a couple who said the woman was pregnant and they warted a fast conversion so they could marry.

The film showed Dushinsky telling the couple that a conversion normally took a year or more. but that they would be provided with false witnesses who would tell a rabbinical court that the woman had lived with them and followed an observant Jewisb way

The Court remanded Dushinsky, 51, of Peiah Tikva, and Rabbi Binyamin Bar-Zohar, 46, of Jerusalem, who had functioned as the rabbi of the Match Yehuda Regional Council. Police told the court that since the program was aired, they had received many similar complaints from the public and that this was apparently a

common phenomenon. The police said Dushinsky had taken bribes ranging from \$7,000 to \$15,000, promising to complete the conversion process within two weeks. He then allegedly passed two-thirds of the money to Bar-Zohar, who in turn allegedly used his connections in the rabbinical courts to facilitate the conversion. The police said that they knew of at least 10 such cases and that they



Rabbi Binyamin Bar-Zohar (left) and Rabbi Michael Dushinsky yesterday at Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

didates bad been asked for bribes. At the time, Bibi had told Galili to a representative of the Absorption Ministry, but none was present.

go to the police. Rabbi Yisrael Rosen, head of the Bibi said that Dushinsky and Bar-Zohar were not rabbis and not Tsomet Institute, said that it was part of the conversion apparatus. impossible to fool the special con-version courts used by the insti-In an apparent reference to the Reform and Conservative movements, Bibi said that if conversion tute, but he acknowledged that would be as "certain groups with false witnesses it would be want," the situation regarding conpossible to foul a regular rabbiniversion would be as depicted in

Rosen estimated the number However, Bibi admitted that he converted by the special courts at 500 to 600 candidates a year, had not acted since November, when Anat Galili, spokesperson while Rabbi Rafi Dayan, an aide for the Reform Movement's Israel to Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Religious Action Center (IRAC), Bakshi-Doron, who heads the rabbinical courts, said that a total had told the Knesset Aliya and Absorption Committee of dozens of 700 to 800 people are convertof cases in which conversion caned annually by recognized

Orthodox rabbinical courts, of some 1,000 to 1,200 who wish to

be converted. Rabbi Einat Ramon, spokesperson for the Conservative Movement, said that almost half Movement, said that almost half of those asking to be converted by Conservative rabbis bad done so in reaction to being asked for bribes by those close to the Orthodox establishment.

Rabbi Un Regev, head of the IRAC said that the bribery was a result of the monopoly of the

result of the monopoly of the Orthodox and their rigid and arbitrary procedures. He, too, spoke of conversion candidates who had first attempted an Orthodox conversion and had been disillusioned

Ayalon Hasson: I'm being stalked

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

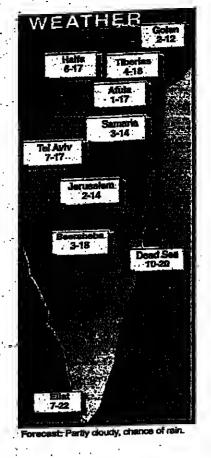
Channel 1 reporter Ayala Hasson says she has been stalked by agents from two different organizations since she revealed the alleged "Bar-On for Hebron" affair, concerning the appointment of Ront Bar-On as attorney-general. Hasson, who spoke on Israel Radio yesterday, called one group of stalkers "the good guys" and the other "the bad guys." She would not say who they were, but said she

knows what investigating agency hired "the bad guys."
Hasson said the stalkers operate both detectives on foot on her street and agents in cars waiting on Sderot David Hamelech, which is the only way out of her street.

Yesterday, she said, one side had three female detectives on her street watching her.
She said the "bad guys" interest could be to see whom she meets in the bope of finding out what she knows or

who her sources are. On one occasion, to shake off her stalkers, she advised "the good guys" when she intended to leave, and they took off in their car in one direction. As soon as they started driving off, they were followed by "the bad guys," who assumed "the good guys" were on Hasson's tracks.

Last week, the Jaffa villa of sculptor Ilana Gur was broken into, immediately after Hasson had visited there. None of the artworks or iewels was touched, and only a cellular telephone and bag of documents were taken.



AROUND THE WORLD



Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the queen of spades, the jack of hearts, the 10 of diamonds and the 10 of clubs.

Millon: Increase France-Israel ties

By STEVE RODAN and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

French Defense Minister Charles Millon pledged yesterday to revive the 1994 defense cooperation accord with Israel, saying he wants to increase sales of military equip-

ment between the two countries.

Touring Israel Aircraft Industries outside Lod, Millon acknowledged that the nearly three-year-old accord has not produced a significant volume of sales. The total annual volume of military trade between the two countries is \$60 million.

"It's true that in the exchange of equipment between France and Israel and Israel and France, the numbers are not high," Millon said. "We have to increase these numbers. This conperation is not just economic but political."

Millon said he hoped his two-day visit would lead to increased joint conperation in the defense industries. He said he expects heightened activity in the months leading to the Paris Air Show in June.

had found \$32,000

be immediately suspended.

Labor and Social Affairs

Minister Eli Yishai yesterday

expressed his shock and

announced that Dushinsky would

Deputy Religious Affairs minis-

ters Yigal Bibi and Arye Gamliel

yesterday called a press confer-

ence, which they termed an open

session of the "conversion author-

ity," a body apparently organized in the wake of the scandal, with

the participation of representatives

from the ministry, the Chief

Rabbinate, and the Tsomet

Institute, which organizes conver-

sion courses. A ministry spokesman said the body included

Dushinsky's home.

The French defense minister pointed to a little-publicized arms deal between Israel and France. This involved the acquiring of five Dolphin helicopters from the US subsidiary of the Paris-based

Aerospatiale, Eurocopter.
At the same time, IAI agreed to deliver the Hunter, an unmanned air vehicle, to the French. French officials said this was an exchange of the Dolphin for the Hunter IAI officials said French-Israeli cooperation could extend into sev-

eral spheres, such as electro-optics, avionics and satellites. Next month, IA1 chairman Avigdor Ben-Gal and IAI directorgeneral Moshe Keret are to visit Paris as part of an Israeli delegation

to explore joint conperation with French defense industries. Ben-Gal said the goal is to develop a project from concept to production of a

French-Israeli defense cooperation had been virtually nil since president Charles de Gaulle

imposed an arms embargo on Israel after the Six Day War. However, the 1994 defense cooperation agreement has led to some efforts, including a high-level strategic dialogue between the defense min-

istries of both countries. Still, defense industry sources said France, rated the world's thirdlargest defense exporter, sees Israel as a competitor in many areas. In addition, French fear of losing its Arab and Islamic customers has dampened any enthusiasm for much defense cooperation.

However, Millon, on his first visit to Israel, said he was sending a top defence official here next week to lay the foundations for joint projects. France is interested in Israeli weapons technology, particularly in armor protection and avionics.

Prior to his visit with the IDF. Millon was received by an honor guard at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv and met Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai for the first time. Mordechai briefed Millon on

the strategic situation in the Middle East and told him that Iranian and Iraqi quests to obtain non-conventional weapons would disrupt the entire region's stability.

During their discussions, Mordechai also sought French involvement in seeking a solution to the Lebanon situation. Mordechai told Millon that peace with Lebanon could pave the way

to peace with Syria.

Lebanon can be the starter which will move the political process with Syria and Lebanon, but it can also be a gigantic mine field which can harm the entire process;" Mordechai said. "If our citizens and soldiers continue to be harmed, we are likely to come to an escalation which will take us backwards instead of forwards."

Millon replied that it was in his government's interest to find a political solution that will give Israel security in the framework of an arrangement between Israel and Lebanon, Israeli defense officials



French Defense Minister Charles Millon (left) tours Israel Aircraft Industries with IAI managing director Moshe Keret yesterday.

Bill would require outside probes for **IDF** accidents

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset yesterday passed the Knesset yesterday passed the preliminary reading of a bill which would place the inquiries of IDF training accidents in the hands of an independent, exter-nal investigator with the status of a judge. The bill was raised by MK Avi Vehezkel (1 shor) by MK Avi Yehezkel (Labor) and supported in the vote. Minister Yitzbak Mordechai. It passed unanimously by 31 votes.

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Although the government opposes the bill, Mordechai voted in favor at the last moment in view of the heli-copter accident. The bill relates only to training accidents, but Yehezkel hopes to present another bill to cover operational accidents such as the helicopter disaster.

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Sarid: Meretz is not a party of Sheinkinites

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

"We [in Meretz] are not patronizing or Sheinkinites, we are always with the underdogs and the underprivileged, and they will never have a more loyal ally than Meretz," MK Yossi Sarid said yesterday at the Meretz founding con-

The convention marked the merger of the three factions comprising Meretz - the Citizens Rights Movement, Mapam and Shimui - into one party after five years of co-existence as three separate parties. The parties' respective leaders

decided it was time to unite the forces supporting the establishment of a Palestinian state and fighting for equality for individuals and groups, regardless of religion, origin, sex and sexual prefer-

The merger will also make it easier to field one candidate for prime minister, should the party decide to do so.

Sarid rejected the argument that Meretz represents the elite classes of north Tel Aviv, and has a patronizing attitude toward the poor or development town resi-

"People are always attaching false stigmas to us, saying we're patronizing. That's nonsense. We alk to the entire public, trying to persuade. We don't throw sand in people's eyes, we don't distribute unulets, we don't promise peace

free of charge, for there is no free

"All those who do those things, they are patronizing, because they think the public can be led astray. We are not giving up on any sector of the public; we are the true allies of the weaker classes and the underprivileged."
Sarid admitted that these sectors

have turned their back on Meretz. in recent years "because in the past it was difficult for them to digest our policy concerning the peace process. But now that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is shaking hands with [Yasser] Arafat, they don't need Netanyahu and can come to us, because that's what we've been saying for 25 years."

CRM founder Shulamit Aloni spoke of "other days" which prevailed here until November 4, 1995, the day of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination. On that day, she said, "we could see another future, which was severed.

"So sure were we of the rightness of our way, that we ignored the growling voices around us, the deceiving words and roars of madness from Jerusalem's Zion Square and from the rioters of Zo Arzenu. We dismissed the inciting hoodlums such as the Levingers and the Kahanists, the Waldmans and Hanan Porats, and the Benny

Elons and his crowd."

Aloni stressed that Meretz's "rock of existence" is tolerance, humanism and decency.

